

Senator Michael Dembrow
Senator Alan Olsen
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RE: Testimony on SB 1530 and SB 1514

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

My name is Ruth Harshfield. I live in Washington County. I am in favor of the bill with amendments recommended by the climate and environmental groups. The climate impacts are costing us millions of dollars, and the costs are skyrocketing. Now is the time for changes to the way our government operates. Reducing greenhouse gases and the emissions needs to be approached as an emergency.

I am thankful for the Senators' work on Senate Bills 1530 and 1514. However, they take baby steps on greenhouse gases. We need huge steps. Here is what this bill needs:

1. **Implement the cap/trade and invest portions ASAP, not two-five years from now.**
2. **Make the natural gas industry pay the carbon tax.**
3. **Prioritize long-term carbon sequestration on all lands**, not just "working lands" as defined in the bill.
4. **The Climate Fund should support home-hardening and defensible space near homes.**
5. **Make reducing greenhouse gas emissions a priority for every state agency.** Setting the priority is vital to being effective.
6. **Require the GHG Emissions Board and agencies to do economic costs/benefits/savings analysis for all rules, recommendations, etc.**
7. **Under Section 102, prioritize the Board and all agencies to educate the public on ways to reduce emissions and adapt**, such as buy local food and products, drive less, and prepare for extreme weather events.
8. **The Bill needs new provisions on monitoring and accountability.** It should require both the GHG Reduction Board and all agencies to monitor GHG targets and account for their actions.
9. **Require the Revenue Officer's economic report, Sec 93, to include the savings and benefits of reduced greenhouse gas emissions.** Otherwise, it is fatally flawed and useless.
10. **Continue the Global Warming Commission with funding for a year to complete work and meaningfully transition duties to the GHG Emissions Reduction Board.**

Thank you,
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