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Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

My name is Kyle Huth, an energy efficiency engineer originally from Corvallis. I am asking you to make SB1530 as strong as possible because I personally have a clean energy economy job, and I know from firsthand experience that this is not just our only chance to preserve our environmental future, but it's also a tremendous opportunity to grow Oregon's economy. According to the [2019 U.S. Energy and Employment Report](#), Oregon has 42,547 energy efficiency jobs and 7,073 wind and solar jobs. That's almost 50,000 jobs. Coal employs 198. The proposed Jordan Cove LNG terminal [claimed they would employ 215](#). 50,000 jobs already, and an independent economic analysis found that cap-and-invest could create 50,000 additional jobs. We are talking about tens and hundreds of thousands of jobs here.

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According to E2, "[For the second year in a row, energy efficiency is America's fastest-growing energy industry.](#)" "[Unfortunately, job growth in Oregon's clean energy economy is slowing down, and states that recently passed sweeping climate and clean energy policies—such as Nevada \(with 32% growth\) and Colorado \(with 5% growth\)—are pulling ahead of Oregon.](#)"

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Thank you,  
Kyle Huth

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