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Years ago policy got ahead of science on the spotted owl issue, problematic policies passed in a big rush, resulting in devastation to many many families, small towns and counties as well as schools because a barred owl, not people chased the spotted owl from its usual territory. Too late for all those people when rushed decisions got ahead of true science.

Now we face the same scenario. Rushed policy, got to do it now, not to save a bird, but to save the very EARTH. The science is NOT in. Scientists studying water vapor and the environment, solar storm cycles (some studies indicate carbon dioxide is controlled by the number of sunspots), and many other aspects of things that impact our climate need to be heard before any policy should develop. The politicized science has flaws many scientists claim. The scientific method, if allowed time, will give real data, not computerized projections. Carbon dioxide is an essential thing, plants HAVE to have it. I have lived through MANY declarations that we only have 10 years. We live in a very complex world with macro and micro cycles that influence climate. This policy fails to consider that.

But even if the politicized science were true, all agree Oregon's contribution to worldwide pollution is not much at all, and this bill will not reduce anything just charge for using it. Oregon has been proactive for decades in taking care of our state, starting with Governor Tom McCall, and we have made tremendous progress since that time, which I applaud. Cap and Trade will not do a thing it portends to accomplish, what was done in the 70's did and didn't destroy people financially in the process.

Cap and Trade will raise the cost of every single item we purchase, whether or not a person can afford it, hitting those on fixed income and the working poor the worst. Giving them subsidies is no solution as those can be reduced, and don't take into effect the cumulative impact of this: a farmer pays to operate equipment to grow food, pays to haul food to market, the food processor or mill and then the distribution system pays to process and ship passing that cost on to you the people, the store pays and passes it on to you. You pay a huge bill! Giving the farmer a few years delay does not solve this at all. That doesn't even take into account the cost to fill your own tank. ADD to that home heating bills 13% higher, and business 53% higher, which is passed on to you at every stage of the development, storage and selling of goods and services, multiply that on to you. The cumulative cost of this is incredibly high.

For all this cost, the money does not go to the general fund, which is taking in record money and still added \$3 BILLION per year starting a couple of years ago in tax increases (\$2,307 per family per year) out of your wallet. This \$700 MILLION is in a slush fund at the disposal of the governor for some vague "for the environment" purpose. For all the people you will cause to go broke, out of business, forced to leave the state, that is all you have????? This is nothing but an energy sales tax. It should go down IN FLAMES.

Did Mt. Hood erupt? The huge earthquake happen destroying much of our western cities? Did I miss some emergency worthy of the emergency clause or is this just a rotten to the core tool to prevent the public from having a say in this? This needs to go TO THE PEOPLE.

No major policy belongs in a short session anyway. Another broken promise as we were told it was only for housekeeping, minor tweaks to the budget when this was up for a vote.

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