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Dear Senators and Representatives:

I write to you in opposition to HB4159 and SB1530. I find it disingenuous that these bills were introduced into the short session because the senators and representatives indicate it "being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist." Incredible!

How many states have per capita CO₂ emissions less than Oregon? Three (3), Senators and Representatives, 3!

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_U.S._states_and_territories_by_carbon_dioxide_emissions)

How is this an emergency? Does anyone really believe that taking this action is going to make a spec of difference when China is building coal fired power plants by the dozens, and coal burning power plants in the U.S. East and Midwest continue to operate? Do you know that Kentuckians have more than three (3) times the per capita CO₂ emission of Oregonians?

Instead of recognizing the unique nature of power production in the Pacific Northwest with our hydroelectric, wind, and nuclear facilities, our Oregon legislature attempts to take this draconian action. An emergency? Absolutely not!

Also, I find more and more electric cars on our Oregon roads and highways. Homes are being retrofitted with more efficient insulation and highly efficient heating and air conditioning. The people are already taking responsible actions to reduce their carbon footprints. Instead, this action by the legislature will impose harsh and unnecessary taxation and additional costly government regulation and growth.

Finally, I point out that total U.S. CO₂ emissions in 2018 were 22.5% less than emissions in 2013 (<https://www.eia.gov/environment/emissions/carbon/>).

I strongly urge you to vote against these bills.

Respectfully,

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