

Senator Dembrow & Members of the Committee:

I am strongly opposed to SB 1530. I have family members in the logging community and in Real Estate and live in a small town where young people can't afford to move out of their parents homes because housing is too expensive. So many across the state are concerned with affordable housing. Frankly, I can not believe how expensive homes even out side the greater Portland area have become. With this bill the costs of materials for new homes is going to go up forcing home prices to increase and creating more housing shortages and an expanding homeless crisis.

This proposed legislation would NOT benefit the environment in the way it is being marketed. In reality, this bill would do very little to change people's habits but merely it will raise prices and affordability for everyone impacting low-income families the hardest. Increased energy costs will impact buisens and municipal buildings alike. I'm not sure our schools could take more increases than they've already seen. Already in Oregon we are beginning to feel taxed to death!

Sweeping policy legislation like this takes more than a 35 day session, and voters should be allowed to have a say in such legislation, not feel ram rodded into yet another policy to hurt the people of this once great state.

Thank you,  
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