

Senator Dembrow & Members of the Committee:

I am strongly opposed to SB 1530. This bill does impact our community in a way that will make a difference. It's smoke and mirrors. Oregonian need affordable housing rather than what this bill offers! With this bill the costs of materials is going to go up which means that no doubt home prices will go up and we will continue to have housing shortages and a homeless crisis.

This proposed legislation would NOT benefit the environment in the way it is being marketed. The feel good emotions in the rhetoric mask the reality that this bill would do very little to change people's habits. Rather, it will raise prices and affordability for everyone from low-income, working class laborers, to school districts. Can our cash strapped schools really afford increased energy costs? Theyll pay more, but it wont cause them to drive less.

Programs like this considers one side of the carbon system - the outputs - but not the massive amount of carbon that is converted & sequestered by our natural resource industries. At minimum, rural areas & business need credit for the benefits they are supplying to the system!

Lastly, it is absolutely ABSURD to be considering sweeping policy legislation like this during a 35 day session. If any action is taking, the only thing that is reasonable is a referral to the voters.

I implore you, PLEASE do not ramrod legislation like this through when there are such obvious concerns from so many. Any other legislation with this much opposition wouldn't see the light of day.

Thank you,

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