

Testimony regarding

SB 1530

My name is Ray Pohl and I reside in Clatskanie, Oregon in Columbia County, Oregon.

I have grave concerns for Oregon if this Bill is passed. This Bill should have more scrutiny by the Legislature and the public and more opportunity to gather information as to the affects this will have on our entire State. To rush this through in this short session is unfair to your constituents.

Clatskanie is a small community, with roots in agriculture and timber. The area depends greatly on the Georgia Pacific Wauna Mill just over the county line in Clatsop County. It provides family-wage jobs and benefits and has for generations. It has come to light that if Cap and Trade is passed, they will simply close the mill and move to another state. They hire approx.. 900 employees, plus contractors and therefore are the major contributor to the economy in Clatskanie. They are also the largest user of electric power from our Clatskanie PUD. When asked what might be the outcome of this closure, the PUD stated OUR electric rates would probably double.

This would be devastating for our community. And I am sure we are not the only community who would suffer from Cap and Trade. Retired citizens, low income families, unemployed households would be the hardest hit. Remedies would be few.

The science just does NOT indicate that the benefits from this Cap and Trade program are worth the hardship and grief from this draconian law. I have family in California and the horror stories of how this is devastating generational ranches and small businesses are dire.

I am asking that this Legislation not be passed during this short session. And that the emergency clause be removed. Thousands of people are contacting you about this and they are voters and constituents. Please be aware of the hardships it will cause.

Thank you.

