

I am writing a note to reiterate my comments that were submitted when this was just a legislative concept.

As a resident of the rural Halsey area I am disappointed that SB1530 doesn't include many changes that those of us in rural areas have, repeatedly asked for. Once again the "Cap and Trade" proposal is a HUGE omnibus bill that has too little time for proper vetting. **I urge our legislators to reject SB1530.**

Even more disturbing is its impact on rural residents, especially in fuel costs. Many rural residents in our state have NO CHOICE but to use propane for heating. I brought this concern up to Rep Wilde last session and he said it would be addressed, but looking over the reports on SB1530 it seems that propane costs for rural residents were not addressed in the slightest. I am concerned for my elderly and low-income neighbors who do not have the means to pay for propane heating if this is made into law. It may mean that many rural Oregonians will have to choose between heat and food.

It will also raise the cost of gas for ALL of us. Even though legislators have attempted to add a period of phase in for the gas cost the fuel distributors have said that the system that's been proposed will not work. That the cost of gas fuels will go up for all of the state if SB1530 is passed. This will certainly affect rural residents disproportionately. We do not have a choice to ride public transportation or to bike/walk. I live 8 miles from the nearest grocery store and 10 from the nearest gas station. I have to travel many more miles to see a doctor or dentist, or to get most services. (And thanks to some other recently passed legislation we've seen small businesses in our

area closing locations and consolidating their businesses, as of 2020 there are some services for which we have to travel additional miles.) We've already had an increase in gas tax in 2020 so those services are now more expensive to reach, and will become more so when Cap and Trade is enacted. For rural residents it's a hard blow.

We were promised again and again that any Cap and Trade proposal would take our, very serious and life altering, concerns in mind. Instead it seems to have completely ignored them. **It is clear that the voice of rural Oregonians remains unheard.**

It has also come to light SB1530 preempts public record requests. That is truly disturbing and certainly seems that legislators and regulators do not want the public involved, or to even know about, the decisions and implementation being carried out for SB1530. Add to that the emergency clause, which leave the Oregon population unable to have a voice/vote on the matter. There is a serious lack of accountability in the proposal.

I am opposed to this Cap and Trade proposal and I hope that my representatives will stand with me in opposition to SB1530.

Sincerely,
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