

Dear members of the House Rules Committee,

It is my understanding the HB 4167 recently has been introduced in the Special Session to be a companion bill to the Senate's SB 1530 and that they are essentially the same piece of legislation.

Assuming that is the case, I hereby urge you to pass a strong version of HB 4167 as soon as possible and send it on to the Joint Ways & Means Committee if that is to be its next destination.

Not all rural Oregonians are opposed to legislative efforts to control Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions. I live in Talent, which is a very small town and I strongly support efforts to reduce GHG emissions by adopting a "cap and invest" system to incentivize industries that produce most of the problem to do something about it.

Here near the border with California in the Bear Creek valley, we live surrounded by forests, which is a good thing until global warming causes drought, which makes them extremely vulnerable to dangerous wildfires. While we had a mild summer in 2019, the previous two summers we suffered weeks of suffocating smoke from forest fires in the region. We cannot continue to ignore industries' role in contributing to global warming & climate change. We must act and this seems to be the most thoughtful way to do so.

Therefore, I urge you to give HB 4167 proper scrutiny and then send it on its way. When it reaches the floor of the House, I hope you will vote Yes for climate action.

As a member of Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (SOCAN), I commend to you the good 10-page letter submitted

to your committee by SOCAN co-facilitator Alan Journet. His letter contains all the bells & whistles that I can't keep in my head.

Thank you,
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