

Hello Oregon Legislators!

Below is my written testimony for SB 1530/HB 4167 climate bill for the short 2020 Oregon legislative session.

Members of the committee:

My name is **Brian Ettling** and I live in **NE Portland**.

I am submitting this today because of my dad, **LeRoy Ettling**.

My dad has stage 4 bladder cancer and currently is in hospice care. Literally, I could get a phone call any time urging me to go back to St. Louis MO to be with him

7 years ago, my Dad had a huge tumor and kidney removed. The doctors all thought my Dad was a smoker since his cancer is consistent with a life-long smoker. My dad was always a non-smoker.

However, we lived for about 33 years a couple of miles from a coal fired power plant in St. Louis that had no modern pollution controls, increasing the risk of his cancer.

It's well known that burning diesel, oil, natural gas, and coal, which is the leading cause of air pollution, causes an estimated 100,000 U.S. deaths each year, according to a 2019 study in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Thus, Message to you today is **“Less Pollution = Saved Lives!”**

A 2019 non-partisan study by Berkeley Economic Advising and Research shows that reducing carbon pollution will create 50,000 Oregon jobs in construction and clean energy.

For the Republicans on the committee: I want to let you know that I grew up as a conservative Republican. I ask you to pass a strong and

effective climate bill, such as SB 1530/HB 4167 this session for my Dad, all of our families and our grandkids.

Even more, please consider these 4 key messages that I want to included as part of my testimony:

1. **Climate Emergency:** We are in a climate emergency. Every day we delay, we deny our kids a livable future. Enough is enough.
2. **Delay Tactics:** Right now, big polluters and their Republican allies are trying to delay or stop the process by sharing falsehoods about a lack of public process and demanding more and more amendments to weaken the bill.
3. **Massive Public Process:** Let us be clear: No bill has ever had this much work, this much input, this much public process. **In fact, it's been in the works three times longer than the Oregon Bottle Bill. This bill has been carefully crafted and worked on for five years, voted out of committees 8 times, had four public hearings this year alone, and eight last year including a statewide tour of public townhalls.** It has gone through working groups, studies, debate, thousands of pages of testimony and its own Joint Committee co-chaired by the House Speaker and Senate President.
4. **This is how democracy works:** Legislators have done the research to carefully craft this bill, which is what we hope to see from our democratic process. Like any other policy bill, nothing would prevent opponents from gathering signatures and referring this to the ballot like any normal law.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this to you!

With much gratitude!

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