



PROCLAMATION Opposing Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167

WHEREAS, the Crook County Court represents an estimated 23,440 people; and

WHEREAS, Crook County provides a wide range of critically needed services to its residents including roads, parks, senior services, juvenile services, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of the residents of Crook County have toiled for generations to carve out livelihoods based on forestry, farming, and ranching; and

WHEREAS, the cap and trade legislation of Senate Bill 1530 will directly impact the cost to Crook County through significant increases in the cost to provide critically needed services, burden the residents of Crook County through higher utility and fuel costs, and squeeze Crook County's agricultural producers through significantly increased input costs; and

WHEREAS, with no ecological or economic studies, the costs and benefits from Senate Bill 1530 to the counties are too unproven, risky, and dangerous for the local governing bodies to make a prudent, informed decision; and

WHEREAS, through concessions to those most powerful and politically connected, Senate Bill 1530 dilutes its promise, plays favorites, divides our people, and mostly burdens the least powerful, least represented, and most economically vulnerable: middle-class and rural Oregonians; and

WHEREAS, passing this bill with an emergency clause—thereby silencing the voice of the people—is not the right way to push such monumental legislation; and

WHEREAS, adding House Bill 4167 at a time when Highway 22 is closed and Central and Eastern Oregonians face significant detours to even reach the Capitol is, again, not the right way to push such monumental legislation;

Now, therefore, the Crook County Court, by virtue of its authority and by the laws of Crook County, does hereby proclaim:

Crook County, Oregon is opposed to both Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 of the 80th Oregon Legislative Assembly, because of the punitive impacts on Crook County, its citizens, and economy.

DATED this 20th day of February, 2020

Crook County Judge Seth Crawford

Crook County Commissioner Jerry Brummer

Crook County Commissioner Brian Barney