

Legislative House Rules Committee Hearing on HB 4167

My name is Denise Duren and I am a third generation Oregonian and come from a line of farmers and loggers in the Willamette Valley.

I live in Salem and I am a constituent. I am an independent, so I love my Republican legislators as well as my Democratic legislators. I want to thank all of you legislators for your very hard work on these very challenging issues, but I want you to know that so many of us, your constituents, believe in you to lead Oregon. I urge you to please support a clean energy bill.

We have known of the risks of global warming for many years now. Al Gore spoke of it in the year 1976 at age 28 when, as a US Representative he co-sponsored the first bill to address global warming and he wrote his pivotal book, An Inconvenient Truth in 2006. The science is clear. We are now on borrowed time.

No other bill in Oregon has ever had this much analysis, debate, scientific input, and public testimony!

To quote Renew Oregon:

“This bill has been 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.”

As a legislators, you have worked long and hard on this bill and it is near completion. The time to act is now. It has been proposed to throw the bill out to the voters as a ballot measure in November 2020.

I would ask you, as a legislators, that we the voters have elected *you* to make this important decision and ask that you do so without further delay. We are your constituents. Please stand by us and address this bill with commitment and courage. Please do not leave the short session, please do not abandon us or leave the state, but stay with us your constituents and see this task through. We are relying on you to lead Oregon forward!

I want to thank you for your time,

Respectfully, Denise Duren