

As a farmer in Oregon I'm opposed to HB 4167.

I support efforts to mitigate climate change and applaud Oregon for already being a leader among other states. It is amazing the improvement which has already taken place, and given the ingenuity of Oregon's natural resource managers and concerned individuals I'm confident we will continue to make rapid progress.

The current bill does not contribute to this effort in any meaningful way. It appears, however, it will be expensive for many Oregonians, especially rural Oregonians. Rural Oregonians are struggling at the moment. While the urban areas of the state have rebounded after the economic recession of 2008 the same cannot be said for rural Oregon.

Please don't add to their struggles.

There are other ways to achieve what this bill claims to aim for. It should be based on science, and should focus on the areas where we can achieve the greatest impacts for the lowest economic costs.

Adding new amendments shortly before hearings is unfair. Preventing duly elected representatives to speak on the house floor is unfair. Changing bill numbers to invalidate previous testimony is unfair. To restore fairness to this process you should at a minimum allow the voters of Oregon to weigh in on this bill, if you do chose to pass it.

Sincerely,

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