

I OPPOSE HB 4167.

1. First of all, I cannot fathom how these bait and switch schemes with bill numbers and hearings, last minute amendments and cramming this through during the short session is even legal. "Cap and Trade" has been voted down twice by the people. I am certainly convinced now that this situation and the supermajority in Oregon are absolutely rife with corruption. This is insanity.
2. Cap and Trade is going to drive up utility prices and gas prices that some will struggle with a great deal when the cost of living is already so high in proportion to wages. This is a good way to INCREASE the working poor and homeless.
3. The carveouts aren't for everyone...so that's not a fix.
4. Waiting around for a tax rebate next year when bills have to be paid today...also not a solution. Most people cannot afford this.
5. The majority of County Commissioners from all over Oregon are saying NO to Cap and Trade. Legislators should too.
6. It's a huge change in how Oregon does regulations related to transportation and manufacturing and natural resources - people deserve the right to vote.
7. Stop wasting our money on green energy boondoggles. \$20 million to implement is crazy and unrealistic based on past projects and failures.
- 8. Timber Unity has a 4-point plan to address carbon issues WITHOUT a tax...pass that NOW and leave our checkbooks alone. This is also just a better plan overall for our state and proof that "cap and trade" is not about the climate but more of a money grab and a statement to be made at the expense of other Oregonians livelihoods and well-being.**