

To whom it may concern,

I would ask that as representatives of all Oregon citizens you strongly oppose any and all aspects of HB4167 as it is NOT good for Oregon at this point and time.

While the end target may be admirable, trying to accomplish such great goals takes planning and steps to reach such a goal. We are all concerned about our environment and the future that we leave for our children. But with the way this proposal is written will produce just the opposite of the intended effect as written today.

We in Oregon do not today have the building blocks in place to formally approach such a lofty goal that has been proposed in HB4167. While the proposal does state some exceptions to the enactment dates of legislation, I have yet to see any studies of what negative consequences might be without having the proper steps taken in advance of the final goal. The things that weigh heavy on my mind are things such as with the higher cost of living being imposed on every single Oregonian how many businesses will simply have to shut down. This may seem to be irrelevant on the surface but if a Forestland owner shuts down, a Farmer quits growing crops, a Contractor quits building homes, a Paper Mill shuts down, a Trucking company reduces their fleet, a Paving company quits paving, a Motel shuts down due to lack of tourism, a Restaurant shuts down because of lack of extra money to spend on meals: just how many jobs are lost that is catastrophic in itself. But let's take it one step further: Of all of those businesses that will shut down and people migrate to cities how much Carbon Sequestration will be lost due to proper management of Oregon's Natural Resources.? Would this not have a negative effect on reducing Carbon Outputs? Some wise individual once stated, "for every action there is a reaction", this statement is true here as well. And many of us fear that the reaction will be far worse not only for our economy but will further destroy our environment at a much more rapid pace than we as humans have ever been witness to in the history of mankind.

Before you consider all of the great things that might be possible with this poorly prepared legislation PLEASE take some time to really think it through and be fully aware of all of the negative effects that this very bill could and WILL have if we do not plan well and have the proper steps to the goal in place.

PLEASE for our future, our kids future and the future of our world, I ask you to OPPOSE any form of HB4167.

Respectfully,  
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