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House Committee on Revenue

House Bill 4151 - Testimony in Opposition

Dear Chair Representative Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Representatives Marsh & Reschke, and members of the Committee.

I am opposed to Senate Bill 1530 being brought up during the short legislative session. It should be stopped in its tracks and left to die in committee. As all agree the economic consequences of this bill will be dramatic, while the intentions, all provided by the supporters, are presented as benign or even conservative. There are more pressing problems the legislature could be addressing rather than wasting time on attempts to solve a non-problem.

The *Emergency Clause* on this bill - as you are aware - only thwarts the Initiative & Referendum process, honored since it's passage in 1902 as a cornerstone of the "Oregon System" of government. This is not over-looked nor taken lightly by your constituency.

It is nonsense to say the only way to protect the planet and survive is to hand over millions of dollars to the state of Oregon so it can pretend to control temperatures, sea levels, and storm activity – *forever*.

According to Oregon's Constitution, there is nothing the Legislature is required to accomplish during this session. The Legislature needs to wait until more facts are in and so-called anthropogenic global warming is something more than a hypothesis. If there is anything that we have an unlimited supply of—its time, hence, there is no rush. If policy makers accept the alleged and so-called scientific "consensus" on this matter, it could prove dangerous, e.g., when making substantive policy decisions based on theories or maximized risk assessments which later turn out to be false.

But then, this proposed legislation is not about the "health" of the planet. It is about who pays and who gets paid. We all know which end of that equation the great state of Oregon is on and we all know which end the working citizens of Oregon are on. It's my contention that most Oregon citizens are getting tired of getting milked.

Respectfully,



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