

House Committee on Energy and Environment,

I am writing in opposition to HB2021 and all its sneaky little amendments. I remember the Governor declaring that she was going to have the most transparent government during her term. I assumed that meant the legislature as well. When a bill's catchline/summary reads "Directs Public Utility Commission to study laws related to clean energy and provide results to interim committees of Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2022", but slowly adds several amendments, it is anything but transparent. Then when certain legislators are blindsided by the -5 amendment only 2 hours before a committee hearing that allows an hour and a half of pre-approved proponent testimony of said amendment, while the amendment isn't even posted on OLIS for the public to read, it appears downright underhanded. What took so long to post the -5 amendment so the voters of Oregon could read what you are planning? You have taken a "study" bill and turned it into a full-on cap and trade that will crush the natural resource job industry, make power unreliable, and unaffordable for low-income, elder, and rural Oregonians. How many people in Texas just died during the ice storm because they didn't have a reliable power source? Oregonians don't want to live with brownouts like California. Last year a MOU agreement was entered into with representation from all sectors of Oregon. You haven't even given them a chance to effect policy that works for ALL Oregonians. Don't you think Oregonians have had enough trouble this past year? Please give us a chance to recover before adding to our financial burdens any more.

Thank you for your consideration
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