

I always dreamed of moving to Oregon and living in a place that has my three favorite environments; forests, deserts, and the ocean. Upon moving here I immediately felt at home, and my sense of wanting to protect these environments grew even stronger than I ever could have imagined. I ended up meeting friends that became like family and took me in as their own. These friends grew up on the coast in Coos Bay and made it feel as if I had grown up there with them too. This experience made me realize that as climate change progresses and sea levels rise my friends and their families would lose their homes in the process. Climate change will force my friends and countless other oregonians to move away from our beloved coast as it becomes inhospitable, but it doesn't have to be that way. We can stop this tragedy from happening if we take direct action on mitigating climate change now. By passing bills such as the 100% clean energy bill HB 2021, Oregon can save our coast and all the people who live there. Climate change is happening now and we can no longer sit back in hopes that it will reverse itself, we need to pass HB2021 and do our part to protect our own.