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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3022

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Levy and Levy and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment.

I oppose HB 3022. Over the past few years, I have followed legislation and the rule making process used by Oregon agencies and specifically the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Quality Commission. The division of responsibilities is clear, practical, and functions well. As with Federal and other state governments our elected officials make laws and the administrative branch makes the rules to implement the laws in alignment with the intent of our elected representatives. This ensures practical application of the law.

I have closely observed the rule making process used by the Department of Environmental Quality and I am impressed with their fair selection of people to serve on the Rule Advisory Committees, the opportunities they provide for public input, and the careful consideration of that input. Please let the Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Quality Commission continue to do their work to protect the people of Oregon from harmful pollution and environmental hazards. If anything, the legislature should update these goals to those needed now – net zero by 2050.

Please do not pass HB 3022 out of this committee.

Dr. Pat DeLaquil