



The Climate Reality Project[®]

PORTLAND CHAPTER

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Levy and Levy, and committee members, my name is Karen Harrington and I'm speaking in support of HB2816 on behalf of Climate Reality Project, Portland Chapter.

Oregonians are already feeling the effects of climate pollution through the air we breathe, our water quality, extreme heat, drought, wildfires, and erratic and intense storms especially harmful to Oregon's farmers and ranchers. We have been given a short timeline, the end of this decade, to dramatically reduce our GHG emissions and transition to a clean energy economy. Our job, yours as a public servant and mine as a concerned citizen, is to see to it that that reduction in climate pollution and transition to clean renewable fuel alternatives happens now. This bill moves Oregon closer to getting rid of a source of escalating climate pollution in our state, without harming our economy or losing jobs.

In recognition of this escalating problem of increasing GHG emissions, two years ago Oregon became a national leader and had the courage to fight this issue with far-reaching climate legislation, HB20-21. This legislation focused on the crux of the problem, increasing emissions caused by burning fossil fuels. Now, HB 2816, if passed, will correct a loophole in this legislation by requiring the largest, wealthiest, and most energy intensive industries to adhere to the standards we expect of all our businesses. It requires a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity used by high energy use facilities be reduced to 60 percent below baseline emissions levels by 2027, 80 percent below baseline emissions levels by 2030, 90 percent below baseline emissions levels by 2035 and 100 percent below baseline emissions levels by 2040. According to the Oregonian,

Umatilla Electric Cooperative's GHG emissions have grown 543% since 2010 when Amazon data centers arrived. Amazon shouldn't be allowed to be a burden on Oregon. They should clean up their act. Fair is fair!

I am a climate activist, a mother and a grandmother, asking you all to do the right thing and continue Oregon on our path towards reduced climate pollution.

Please support HB2816.

With Gratitude For Your Service,

Karen Harrington

Legislative Committee, Co-Chair

Climate Reality Project, Portland Chapter

About The Climate Reality Project

The Climate Reality Project, Portland Chapter is a local, volunteer-led group affiliated with the international non-profit The Climate Reality Project founded by climate leader and former US Vice President Al Gore, whose mission is to catalyze a global solution to the climate crisis by making urgent action a necessity across every sector of society. With a global movement more than 5 million strong and a grassroots network of trained Climate Reality Leader activists, we're spreading the truth about the climate crisis and building popular support for clean energy solutions.

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