

26 February 2023

House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

Re: House Bill 3196

Dear Chair Representative Marsh, Vice-Chairs Representatives B. Levy and E. Levy, and members of the Committee;

This bill is an example of so-called *Green Energy* legislation—past and present—being not about “fighting climate change” at all it is and always has been about who pays and who gets paid. It should becoming more clear by the day that trying to reduce the production of a harmless gas that makes up almost 0.04% of our atmosphere is only working to make everything more costly, and consequently the citizens of Oregon less prosperous. Implementation of HB 3196 isn't going to slow global CO² production one iota.

HB 3196 is also a classic example of how bureaucracies grow... and never stop growing. For example, SECTION 2. (2) (a) “.... to cover the costs to the department of administering and overseeing” Might this require hiring yet more state employees? Yes, by all means lets add more administrative jobs!

It doesn't take a genius to see how how much our system is helping us. The legislature comes up with bright ideas every year (often based on what going on in California) which consistently manages to increase taxes, and/or fees, pass more invasive regulations and drive consumer prices ever higher.

I urge the Committee to table this bill.

“What historians will definitely wonder about in future centuries is how deeply flawed logic, obscured by shrewd and unrelenting propaganda, actually enabled a coalition of powerful special interests to convince nearly everyone in the world that carbon dioxide from human industry was a dangerous, planet-destroying toxin. “It will be remembered as the greatest mass delusion in the history of the world—that carbon dioxide, the life of plants, was considered for a time to be a deadly poison.”

— Richard Lindzen

Sincerely,



Richard Wisner