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I strongly support SB 1559. Oregon's climate goals have not been updated in 17 years. This is devastating to me, especially when I consider the climate chaos that is already upon us, including droughts, wildfires, unexpected and unpredictable storms, and other disasters that threaten us now and will only increase as my grandchildren grow up in Oregon.

This bill, in addition in addition to updating Oregon's climate goals, also recognizes the large capacity our state has to draw down carbon using a variety of natural climate solutions to help us achieve net zero by 2050. Our coastal temperate forests hold more carbon on a per acre basis than any other forest in the world. Science has shown that simply growing trees longer is the most effective natural climate solution. Our millions of acres of forest in Oregon can be managed in a way that will optimize carbon sequestration and storage.

That bill needs to become law ASAP.