

Dear Senator Sollman and Committee members,

On behalf of the Bird Alliance of Oregon's over 12,000 members across the state, I urge you to pass SB 1559. This bill is a critical step Oregon must take to help effectively address its part in the worldwide climate crisis. The bill will update the state's greenhouse gas reduction goals which have become outdated in the 17 years since the initial goals were established. The updated goals will be based on new science and would set a course for Oregon to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2050 (95%).

We can't wait any longer. This past year was the world's first full year breaching the key 1.5 Celsius warming limit (<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-68110310>). Climate change is inextricably linked with biodiversity loss as well. Bird Alliance of Oregon's mission is focused on protecting birds, wildlife and habitats in Oregon. We can't protect wildlife and habitats without addressing climate change.

We are in an emergency situation. Oregon must step forward and do all it can to help worldwide efforts to combat climate change. Please pass SB 1559.

Thank you,

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