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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1102
Chair & Committee Members,

I STRONGLY OPPOSE this SB 1102.

SB 1102 was written and introduced as a "study" bill, yet now presented to Oregonians behind the scenes is a -2 Amendment placing restrictions on business and Oregonians, creating restrictions for something that more than 20,000 scientists to-date have signed a declaration that there is no climate crisis (DETAILS BELOW).

I find it increasingly disturbing that:

1. Oregon legislators create "studies" that have hidden agendas. They put forth a "study" into public hearing and expect the people of this state to know their hidden agenda in which that hidden agenda comes through by the way of an Amendment AFTER the public hearing, so no one knows what they are supporting or opposing. Moreover, the fact that the Overview page of the bill is not edited to reflect the hidden agenda contained in the Amendment Oregonians have to read the amendment to see the agenda of the bill that is no longer a study. Does this sound like representing the people properly or ruling?
2. Oregon legislators deem themselves "scientists of law" and try to impose penalties on their constituents and businesses in an unproven and contradictory topic. And when you are proven wrong, then what do you do, remove the law you've imposed upon the people?

This is NOT what you were elected into office to do. This is extremely UNREPRESENTATIVE of the people when you buy into a topic that is so controversial you desire to create a law on every person and business in this state to comply with something that you cannot prove is true.

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"There is a rapidly growing backlash in the scientific community against a group of "atmospheric science" specialists who have severely departed from the scientific method in order to support a United Nations political agenda.

This backlash by tens of thousands of American scientists, includes a large percentage of atmospheric scientists and many thousands (more than 20,000 to date) of physical scientists who have become signatories to the following petition:

We urge the United States government to reject the global warming agreement that was written in Kyoto, Japan in December, 1997, and any other similar proposals. The proposed limits on greenhouse gases would harm the environment, hinder the advance of science and technology, and damage the health and welfare of mankind.

There is no convincing scientific evidence that human release of carbon dioxide, methane, or other greenhouse gases is causing or will, in the foreseeable future, cause catastrophic heating of the Earth's atmosphere and disruption of the Earth's climate. Moreover, there is substantial scientific evidence that increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide produce many beneficial effects upon the natural plant and animal environments of the Earth."

This slide alone should cause this Committee to reject ANY proposal to place a mandate, restriction, or penalty on any Oregon citizen or business. Oregonians deserve better representation if this is what legislators desire to do to this state based upon CONTROVERSIAL topics.

SAY ABSOLUTELY NO to SB 1102 and SB 1187 and STOP it with your so-called unproven science rulings upon the people of this state.

The climate has always gone in cycles from warm to cold depending upon various natural occurring factors. penalizing utility companies for not meeting unrealistic and totally unnecessary climate goals will lead to those penalties being passed on directly to consumers, both commercial and residential. We have already seen several double-digit rate increases from utilities here in our state. The former combined with inflation is making energy unaffordable for some in our state. Even higher utility rates will lead to an economic downturn and the further Exodus of taxpayers from our state. Therefore, I strongly urge that this bill die the death it deserves.