



Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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Chair Edwards and members of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

Thank you so much for holding this informational meeting on Green House Gas Emissions as Referenced in Senate Bill 965 and House Bill 3470 A.

On behalf of 350 Eugene, representing nearly 1,000 members engaged with our local chapter, we are writing to request your support for House Bill 3470 (known as the Climate Stability and Justice Act of Oregon).

The consensus of best science tells us that we must be at least 15% below 1990 greenhouse gas levels by 2020, and at least 75% below by 2050. In 2013, Oregon's Legislature passed a non-binding policy goal to meet these targets. But current policy is inadequate to the task and Oregon is not on target to meet the goals. If passed and implemented, HB 3470 would effectively limit greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon.

HB 3470 very specifically and clearly mandates reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2020 through 2050. It would set those greenhouse gas emissions limits based on the best available science. California has adopted a similar approach (AB32), designed to be joined by other jurisdictions, so Oregon can join to reinforce collective action. Oregon opinion polls show the public is supportive of a cap on greenhouse gas emissions by a majority and well above the other options being considered.

The City of Eugene recently passed a resolution requesting that "the Oregon State Legislature carefully craft legislation to impose a carbon pricing policy." That resolution is linked [here](#). The Democratic Party of Lane County, and four other cities or counties in Oregon have passed similar resolutions.

Please do all you can to advance HB 3470 this session!

Thank you for your action on this important legislation.

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