

As a retired wheat farmer, I am sensitive to increased production cost that could/would make our product less competitive on the world market. This is a very real outcome, but if every affected industry is exempted from compliance, we are left with legislation that does little or nothing to improve our carbon issue.

If Oregon is destined to lead in C&T legislation that is effective, all industries need to carry their share of the burden. Carving out exemptions for those who have the most organized lobbies, electric utilities and Ag being examples, will significantly diminish the likely hood for large reductions in carbon. The difference in those two examples is that IOU's can pass the added cost onto rate payers and not impact their profitability while Ag has no means to pass on these increased cost.

IOU rate payers make up a large cross section of our state. IOUs produce a lot of Carbon.

Thanks for considering my comments,

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