

Dear Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

My name is Adam Naegeli. I am 27 year old Salem, Oregon native and I am writing to you today to express my support of the HB 2020, the Clean Energy Job Bill.

Passing this bill will not only create stepping stones for future carbon emission reduction and climate change legislature but will also support Oregon's economy. An economic study presented in 2019 provides evidence that HB 2020 will add to the household income tax of all Oregonians because of the 50,000+ jobs that it will create in the renewable energy sector and also reduce energy costs for Oregonians. The Declining cap presented in this bill will help reduce approximately two million tons of emissions every year; paving the way for Oregon to be state that leads the rest of the country into the future.

We have other examples to follow and surpass, 10 other states have already implemented successful cap-and-invest programs; all of which have stable energy prices, growing economies and falling CO2 emissions. California in particular has outperformed the rest of the United States in manufacturing output. California has also bolstered the income of their citizens in their lowest tax bracket. If Oregon follows in their footsteps we can create cheaper and more stable energy prices for our citizens, create housing options nearer to public transport nodes as well as improve upon the efficiency, availability, and diversity of our public transport options.

Aside from the obvious economic benefits of converting to renewable energy sources, my biggest concern is, first and foremost, climate change. Climatologists have proven time and time again that we are on a path to our own destruction. Recent studies show that we have an 11 year deadline to drastically reduce our carbon emissions to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Cataclysmic climate change will affect, if not me personally, than the lives of my children. It has been my dream since childhood to grow a family in Oregon, to teach my children about the rich environmental heritage that we are so lucky to have. I want to hike The Valley of the Giants, climb to the top of Multnomah Falls, swim in the pools deep in the Oneonta Gorge, and camp at the base of Mt. Hood near Trillium Lake. The studies put forth by climatologists show me that, as it stands now, I can't have that future. I will be passing my children on to a doomed world where resource scarcity will result in cataclysmic loss of everything we hold dear.

I fear for our future but I hold hope that people like us can make the difference.

Thank you for reading and best regards,
Adam Naegeli