

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

My name is Gregory Gregg. I am a resident of West Salem and an elected PCP for Precinct 140 of Polk County. I am writing in support of HB 2020, The Clean Energy Jobs Bill.

When wildfires of last summer were a wake up call. Right now we are confronted with the costly consequences of Climate Change. The cost to the State environmentally, economically and in human life, must inform our decisions about energy development. The technology for Clean renewable energy already exists. It is irresponsible to support the use of fossil fuels and the infrastructure for continued dependence on an energy source that threatens our environment and future generations of Oregonians.

Our economy can only benefit from being a leader in clean energy development. The cost of educating the work force and developing the infrastructure for a clean renewable future will be well worth the investment because the cost of renewable energy will diminish with every advance in technology while the cost of fossil fuels both immediate and in environmental degradation will only increase.

Our economy is based on science. Technology is a major part of our every day life. If we do not trust science to guide the development of our future, we ignore the the role of science in creating the reality in which we live.

It is long past time for government to begin trusting science instead of investing our resources in maintaining the profitability of fossil fuels as we create policies, regulations and laws to build a livable future for our children and grandchildren.

Please vote in favor of HB2020, The Clean Energy Jobs Bill.

Thank you,

Gregory Gregg