

To: Honorable Senators and Members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

My husband, Irwin Hurley and I, Gaylene Hurley, support HB 2020 and urge you to adopt the Oregon Climate Action Program with no loopholes for large corporate polluters. We are very concerned about the future of our planet and feel Climate Change is a global threat requiring drastic action.

Projects funded through Clean Energy Jobs need to be done locally, so the workers spend locally during projects. That means contractors will eat at local restaurants, shop at local hardware stores, and procure other services in communities.

I was active in an effort to help clean the decades long acute hazardous air quality conditions here in the Rogue Valley. The same principle as Cap and Trade was instrumental in cleaning up pollution principally from the timber products industry. It does work!

We also agree whole-heartedly with the points below.

Thank You,
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From Pollution to Prosperity: It's time for Oregon to transition from polluting energy to a clean energy economy. Our state is poised to reap the rewards of more jobs, clean air, and local, renewable energy if we limit and put a price on climate pollution and focus reinvestment in local communities. The threat of climate change on Oregon farmers, families and communities requires urgent action.

Transitioning Oregon away from polluting energy will help create good paying jobs in the clean energy economy.

- Clean Energy Jobs bill will raise hundreds of millions of dollars per year to benefit Oregon communities across the state, putting Oregonians to work by making **clean power like solar** available to more people, **upgrading** homes and businesses to **use less energy and save people money**, building **affordable housing** near transit and investing in **more transportation options**.
- The clean energy economy **employs all kinds of Oregonians** -- like construction workers, engineers, designers, manufacturing workers, salespeople, administrators and custodians.
- A lot of the work such as energy efficiency construction and local, clean energy like solar and wind has to be done here with **jobs that can't be outsourced**.
- Clean economy **jobs growing at an 11% annual rate** in Oregon -- faster than state employment as a whole. Just imagine what more investment can do!
- We must invest proceeds from a price on climate pollution to build up and clean up communities hit first and worst by climate change and dirty fossil fuels -- such as low-income, rural, communities of color and Tribes. We must create opportunities for Oregon workers with new jobs and job training.

We need clean air to breathe and healthy water to drink

- Pollution from gas and diesel can trigger **asthma, heart attacks** and other health emergencies. These health issues affect all Oregonians, and particularly impact children, the elderly, low-income communities, and communities of color.
- Our families, farmers, fishermen and firefighters are all bearing the burden of climate pollution **today**. It will cost us millions more every year we wait. We must act now for our health and our economy.

Pricing pollution works. It's the biggest step Oregon can take to fight climate change.

- Oregon lawmakers have been working on a cap-and-invest policy for more than a decade. The *Clean Energy Jobs* bill is more than ready. It's past time for Oregon to take major action.
- California, Quebec, and 9 Northeastern states (soon to be 11) have cap-and-invest systems that work.
 - In every state and province with cap-and-invest there are: growing economies, falling emissions, stable energy prices, and thousands of jobs created. History is our proof.
- **2 out of 3 Oregonians favor making the largest polluters pay** for the cost of what they put into our air and water.
- As individuals, we follow the rules and do our part to keep Oregon clean and green. Large businesses operating in Oregon should have to follow the rules too.

“An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will add to household income across all tax brackets, with the most going to low-income households, because it will create thousands of good-paying jobs and the transition to cleaner energy will lower costs for people and businesses.”