

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

My name is Skye Walker and I live in Corvallis Oregon, attending Oregon State University, majoring in environmental and energy policy. I've been studying climate change since I was in the 2nd grade, and I believe it needs to be prioritized immediately, on the policy level. I was lucky enough to attend the Clean Energy Jobs Lobby day in Salem on February 6th, where I could voice my support for HB 2020. That said, important provisions that were once included in the initial draft, are at risk of being taken out, due to pressure from the opposition (companies under the cap, rural farmers, conservatives). It's imperative, that we keep this bill as close as possible to it's original form, and here's why:

An independent economic study presented to the legislature in 2019 shows HB 2020 will benefit our economy. It 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. One of the best parts of the bill is that it guarantees 2 million metric tons of pollution will be reduced every year. In 2017, wildfires caused Oregon to lose \$51.5 million in visitor spending and the US Forest Service is now spending more than half its budget on fighting fires.

Last year a new report came out that shows we have 11 years to reduce emissions before our climate fate is sealed. Im only 21 years old, which means my children and grandchildren will have to suffer the effects of climate change. Please do everything in your power to protect their future. Passing the Clean Energy Jobs bill this year is an important first step.

Thank you,

Skye Walker