

My name is Lily McNabb. I'm a student at Bend High School, and a member of the environmental club there. Thank you to Co-chairs Dembrow and Power, and the members of the joint committee on carbon reduction for hearing my testimony. I support the clean energy jobs bill because it is a benefit for our economy, and our climate. HB 2020 will provide good paying jobs to many Oregonians, but especially low-income households in all parts of the state. Already, there are 50 times more clean energy jobs, than fossil fuel jobs, in Oregon. Imagine what could happen with investing in clean energy solutions. I have lived in Bend for my whole life, and in the past few years I have seen our summers go from sunny and beautiful, to so smoky it's not safe to go outside. 10 states have already successfully implemented cap-and-invest programs. So far, all have growing economies, falling carbon emissions, and have created thousands of jobs. As an athlete, trying to train with the smoke in the late summer months is almost impossible. The outdoor activities I love so much have become damaging to my health. In 2017 alone, wildfires cost Oregon over \$51.5 million in lost visitor spending. The wildfires are one sign, of many, that we need to do something now. Our environment as we know it is at stake. In the past three hours we have been here approximately 25 species of plants and animals have gone extinct. That's nearly 1000 times the natural rate of extinction. Scientists agree that we only have 11 years to drastically reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, before the catastrophic effects of climate change are irreversible. In 11 years I will still be a young adult, just starting my career and life. Now is the time to act, before the future is ruined for my generation and those to follow.