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Hi my name is Barrett Heyer and I attend Bend Senior High as a 10th grader. I support the HB 2020 Clean Energy Jobs Bill.

Co-chairs Dembrow and Power, and members of the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction, this bill will be a benefit to both our economy and the climate."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."

I support HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs Bill because Oregon is in a position to be an example to other states of steps we can take as a country to gain benefits of a clean energy economy. It will create a growing and competitive economy while having a guaranteed reduction of pollution. There is evidence of success in 10 other states such as Washington, California, etc. In these states, the economy has grown and the pollution has gone down. We can not let this opportunity pass us by!

An issue in Oregon is that forests burn with a long lasting intensity, filling the air we all breathe with harmful smoke. Air pollution contributes to forest fires because of the harmful greenhouse gas emissions being released. These greenhouse gas emissions has been and is still a huge contributor of global warming, which creates a much hotter climate. This hot and dry climate present in Oregon summers has been a huge factor in these devastating fires. Those wildfires also create more air pollution, creating a vicious cycle and even hotter and drier summers. These fires are just one example of how pollution has affected not just the planet, but the economy. The wildfires cost Oregon \$51.5 million in lost visitor spending and Wasco County lost half of their wheat crop due to the severe drought 70% of Oregon has experienced. These wildfires are also creating a danger for Oregon's vulnerable citizens such as children, elders, etc.

As a soccer player, it is necessary to play outside. However, these past two summers have caused my teammates and many other sports teams outside of soccer to have only one option, and that is to play inside. This smoke is a great danger to our health and practically anyone's lifestyle.

Climate change is a major issue in the world today. That is exactly why Oregon needs to take this opportunity to make change. This will not only create change now, but it will create a new standard for future generations. Scientists agree we have only 11 years to make a switch to drastically reduce emissions if we want to avoid the detrimental impacts of climate change. Oregon's economy relies on industries such as agriculture, fishing, forestry, etc. This pressing issue of climate change can threaten the stability and success of key parts of our economy. Clean Energy Jobs is a policy in the making for over a decade. It will help find and invest in cleaner energy sources while creating jobs along the way. This will drastically boost the planet and the economy. I will say once a again, this is an opportunity that we can not and should not let go to waste. We must pass HB 2020 this year. It will create a domino effect of change for the better of Oregon today.

Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in this inspiring movement!