

I disagree with the cap and trade program currently under consideration which is projected to increase your natural gas bill by more than 50%. Oregonians cannot afford these kinds of increases and I am appalled the legislators can consider such actions.

The legislation is projected to increase fuel prices by 16 cents per gallon in just the first year and the program will do virtually nothing to protect our environment. Most in the House and Senate do not understand the climate models nor how some "scientists" created their predictions. Our state agencies (i.e. DEQ and ODA and ODFW) do not even understand how stream water heats and cools and to date the legislators have not addressed their shortfalls. How can anyone think you understand climate? Climate change is a dilemma of being a "skeptic" versus being a believer and since most citizens lack training and experience in being able to decipher good from bad data, it is best to avoid making an attempt to fix something that likely cannot be fixed with the suggested remedy.

The bill seems to be a ploy to have a new agency and an attempt to fill the hole in the Governor Brown's budget. I urge you to vote no on HB 2020.

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