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Hello Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

Please pass the Clean Energy Jobs bill. A few places the bill could be improved listed below:

- Stronger Targets - The IPCC has stated that 1.5 C temperature increase is likely to have very negative consequences and the world should seek to limit temperature increases to less than 1.5 C, as opposed to the previous goal of limiting warming to less than 2 C. The State's targets are currently based on staying below 2 C increase and should be updated to reflect this newer science. DEQ or the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute should be able to give you reduction pathways based upon this latest IPCC report (<https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>). Ideally the targets would also be strong enough to slow and reverse ocean acidification as well.

- Allow local governments to create even stronger targets than the State. The City of Eugene is currently working to meet reduction targets stronger than those of the State. If cities and counties set stronger reduction targets than the State and implement policies to reduce emissions faster than the Statewide goal, ideally the State would shrink the statewide pot of allowances accordingly so these additional reductions are realized rather than another entity taking the allowances members of this municipality are no longer using. One option Eugene is looking at to realize reductions in the natural gas sector faster than Statewide requirements is to regulate NW Natural under ORS 221.420, Municipal Regulation of Public Utilities, by requiring them to switch to bio-gas.

- Don't burn trash. Don't give trash burning an exemption. Burning trash is not the equivalent of burning methane captured from landfills. It releases more anthropogenic emissions and many more toxic compounds than methane from landfills, and shouldn't be treated as such.

- Consider offering rebates to fuel providers for qualified investments in EV Infrastructure. The Oregon Constitution allows for refunds to be issued to fuel suppliers. Investigate if refunds can be issued so long as the funds are spent on EV charging stations or other EV infrastructure. Allow Fuel providers to sell these refunds to other entities that make the qualified investments.

Happy to discuss any of these ideas in more detail if desired.

Thank you,

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