Dear Senate Committee,

My name is Jacob Hilger, and I live in Tillamook county with my wife. I am a forester that grew up in a logging family right here in Oregon. I have witnessed the negative impacts of the many job killing taxes and special interest regulations that have come out of Salem throughout the years. They have crippled rural communities and put many out of work. I oppose it for the following reasons:

This bill has little impact on global emissions, but a big impact on our economy. This bill is a high cost to everyday Oregonians with a conservative estimate of $650 a year for a family of four, and gas prices estimated to go up to as much as 72 cents in the first year. This cost does not exist in a vacuum, but will have a negative compounding effect because of the other recent taxes that have been pushed though, for example the Corporate Sales Tax, which every single Oregonian will feel in their pocketbooks.

This bill dramatically increases bureaucracy with no accountability or transparency. Almost half of this bill is exempt from public records. Where will all the money collected from this bill go? None of us will ever know, which is extremely disconcerting. Oregonians have a right to know where their money is going.

Tacking on an emergency clause in order to set this bill in stone is ridiculous. This is not an emergency situation, especially considering how little this bill would effect global emissions (of the 50 states, Oregon ranks 47th in least emissions per capita). Why don't we focus on a real emergency, like the ever increasing homeless population?

This bill will affect so many hard working Oregonians. Please do not push this through the short session, which was never intended for bills this complex. Wait until the financial impacts can be more fully understood, and please let us vote!

Thank you for hearing my concerns.
Respectfully,
Jacob Hilger
Tillamook county