

Dear Chair Dembrow,

I'm writing in opposition to the proposed cap and trade bill (SB 1530 & related bills).

In its current form SB 1530 doesn't guarantee any reductions in greenhouse gas emissions while costing working class Oregonians more for fuel and electricity. The trickle down effects of this bill will be wide reaching.

California's cap and trade system has cost them billions of dollars while only being responsible for 4-15% of the total reduction in CO2. California greenhouse gas emissions were already on a downward trend when cap and trade was implemented.

Oregon greenhouse gas emissions are currently on a downward trend. Most industries are operating as cleanly as available technology will allow. Our farmers and ranchers care deeply about their land and strive to be good stewards without a mandate from the government.

I propose the state develop incentives to help small businesses continue to reduce their carbon footprint. Not punish them with costly fees and taxes!

Please step back and take a wider look at the negative effects on our state before moving forward with a cap and trade system that doesn't guarantee any reduction in carbon emissions. We cannot afford a costly, poorly written and overly complicated bill that will cost many hardworking Oregonians their jobs.

Sincerely,

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