

Greetings Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources:

My written testimony that time did not allow you to hear in person on Saturday, Feb 8, 2020:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak and participate in my state's government. For the record my name is Mary Hutchings. I am a resident of Portland, a retired educator, and I hold a masters degree in Ecological Teaching and Learning. During my career I had the privilege of teaching children about the natural world by bringing them into it at every opportunity. When I moved to Portland several years ago, one of my first field trips was a tour of the Bull Run Watershed provided by Portland's water bureau. There I experienced an old growth northwest forest in all its magnificent grandeur. I learned that protecting forests is critical to protecting our watershed, and all agree on the seriousness of keeping our water safe and clean. I am here today to lift my voice in support of legislation to preserve, protect, and expand our healthy forests; to use the science of forestry to guide laws; to hold corporate interests subordinate and accountable to the public interest; and to say that SB 1530 needs to call for emissions reduction of 100% by 2050 at the latest; and also that the 25% of funds raised by the cap and invest legislation to be directed by the state department of forests be used to assist property owners to harden their homes against fire rather than paying logging companies to thin fire prone areas.

Thank you for your work to address the climate crisis.

Sincerely, Mary Hutchings