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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

I listened to the comments on Thursday, Feb. 6, and some of the comments from Sat. Feb. 8. I appreciate that Sen. Findley had the fellow from Baker City comment via phone rather than using fossil fuels to drive to the hearing. We need to do more of that.

Considering the amount of opposition, I think you should consider stepping back as the diplomatic, democratic thing to do. Instead, return to the planning stage and get as many who are opposed to the table so they will have ownership in the legislation.

Meanwhile, also plan on a vigorous public education program about the resulting bill.

Climate change isn't going anywhere. Yes it's an emergency, but that doesn't mean it will benefit from a bill that feels so rushed to some they organized a new group, Timber Unity. If it feels rushed to them, the committee needs to evaluate how to address that.

An inadvertent consequence of the bill was more carbon output from both pro and con residents. From all the trucks that descended on Salem.

And it sounds like some drove far to demand more action from the state on climate change. What that revealed is there are those who want others to sacrifice so they can continue their own carbon output with no sacrifice made by themselves. If they were willing to sacrifice themselves they would've sent their comments by email rather than using fossil fuels to deliver them.

The resulting bill will be better for it. In any emergency it's best to develop solutions from a place of an abundance of pondering, not from a place of desperation and panic.

There are those commenting who are pro, who sound like they think a regional bill can fix a global problem. It sounds like they want Oregon legislators to do something, anything, as if to be a balm for their fears, without calculating how it will fix climate change or without weighing the costs to Oregon, whether it corrects carbon problems or not.

Solving climate change should not fall on the shoulders of those least able to survive it.

Climate change will get more ugly and we will all need to feel part of the solution, including the GOP and Timber Unity. Please get them to the table and listen to them, so that they feel heard rather than motivating them to turn to people or groups like Rush Limbaugh/Bundys/ISIL.

We don't want to be like Syria, with literal climate change battles.

Instead of exacerbating divisions, offer a process that will be a role model in collaboration, like Harney County.

Question. Will the bill as written put some truckers out of business in this state, which commenters indicated? Won't Oregon businesses then use up more fossil fuels and add to the carbon footprint by hiring trucks from out of state? One commenter talked about an Oregon agency that buys beef from Florida instead of purchasing Oregon grown beef. Addressing things like that may go further to cut carbon output and be a role model for using local resources in a less carbon destructive way.

How about setting up the council and charge it to examine:

- ways the state can help county and city administrations build resiliency as climate change refugees move into the region
- the cost of and funding for putting solar panels on all government buildings throughout Oregon with solar panels produced in Oregon
- how Massachusetts passed climate change legislation under then Gov. Deval Patrick and see if we can replicate here what works there (see below)
- how to work with the Federal agency to get slaughterhouses re-established throughout Oregon so that cattle don't

have to be shipped out of state

- how to support all US Senators working on federal climate change legislation
- the economics and carbon costs of how products are transported within, from and to the state
- calculate the true cost of shipping things from China, which has a cheaper rate
- Mike Bowen, exec. VP of Prestige Ameritech, the largest manufacturer of surgical masks and respirators in America said US hospitals, etc., buy cheaper masks from China instead of from his company. He'd warned there'd be a dangerous shortage, and now with the Corona virus there is:<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/w172wq55lfrpryg>
- how to work with the US Chamber of Commerce to get commitments from agencies and companies to buy US products, for the reasons Bowen cites above and due to the high carbon footprint of imports

Deval Patrick said <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/01/15/heres-key-moment-iowa-debate-what-i-would-have-said/>: As governor of Massachusetts, I confronted this challenge head-on a decade before many other political leaders were even paying attention to this issue. Others have big plans for taking on the climate challenge; I have results.

We developed a national model for addressing climate change by working with our neighboring states on the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a successful cap-and-trade program; planning for and investing in resilience and recovery; closing coal-fired power plants; and building a solar, wind and energy-efficiency sector. We did all this without raising taxes and doubled clean-energy employment to more than 100,000 jobs in less than a decade. My plan sets the nation up for the same experience Massachusetts had, and will put us all on the path to a carbon-free future.

Thank you for considering my comments,

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