

Dear House Rules Committee,

It is time for the Oregon legislature to take the next crucial step to address the climate emergency: passing the cap-and-invest bill, HB 4167 or SB 1530.

This cap-and-invest bill covers (by the governor's estimate) 84% of greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon. Over time it will reduce emissions and direct needed investments to impacted communities.

The current bill and its predecessors have been thoroughly aired and vetted through several legislative sessions over five years, had four public hearings this year, and eight in 2019, including a statewide tour. Thousands of pages of testimony have been reviewed.

The required research and review by legislators and the public have been done thoroughly, as required by our democratic system.

For the benefit of Oregon's people, children and grandchildren; our economy and our environment, it is time to pass the bill now, in the current legislative session. Further delay only makes the problem worse.

Sincerely,

Steve Mullinax, Portland, Senate District 18, House District 36