

Cap and Trade is going to drive up utility prices and gas prices.

My wife and I are a retired 71 & 72 year old couple, born and raised lifelong Oregonians. The increases this bill purposes to bring to our fuel costs will prove devastating to our retirement.

Our heating bill for winter 2019-2020 will be just over \$1,000. The carve outs aren't real, we live in Coos County, but virtually all of our consumables come from "The Valley", they're hauled over here by trucks that pay the increased fuel costs HB4167 will levy against businesses in Portland, Salem, and Eugene. So those costs will be passed on to us by multiples. A two or three percent increase in fuel costs will be passed to our local distributors as 4 to 6 percent where in order to maintain a profit margin they will again be multiplied and passed to us, the consumer. Our heating bill for 2020-2021 could jump as much as 10 percent! That may not sound like much to someone who's got a 75 or 100 thousand dollar a year job, but to two retirees who are trying to get by on a small savings and \$2100 a month SS income, it cuts quality food purchases from our budget and puts us more and more dependent on processed foods.

And those carve outs are only a temporary respite from HB4167s death knell for rural Oregon. In less than five short years, we'll not only be paying the increased transportation and business activity charges, the full weight of whatever charges some un-elected entity wants to add to our costs will be unloaded onto us when the carveouts are eliminated.

We're already looking at increasing food and clothing cost increases do to things like the Oregon Business Activity tax, the stupid plastic bag ban, and rapidly increasing vehicle registration costs (20% in one two year period). And now we have to try to budget for an unlimited money grab by our own legislators.

We are looking at the probability of not being able to maintain our own home in less than ten years!

Just say NO to HB4167!

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