

**From:** [350PDX WA County](#)  
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On behalf of the 200+ members of the [350.org](#) Washington County climate action group - spread from Sherwood and Tigard to Forest Grove, Gaston and Gales Creek, to North Plains and Banks, many of whom are rural Washington County residents and farmers - please DO PASS HB 4167 in this legislative session.

This HB 4167 carbon cap and invest policy has been vetted and amended by stakeholders for YEARS, and will have transformative benefits for rural community resiliency and survival in the challenging years to come. Oregon State Foresters predict massive changes to our landscape as years of higher temperatures and unreliable weather patterns continue. Douglas Fir will no longer be a viable timber crop as seedlings will not be adapted for changed landscape, and State scientists predict that the Olympic Peninsula rainforests will be burning within the next few decades.

Washington County has huge resources in natural resources and bright growing population, as does much of Oregon. There is no time to waste a climate change is already evident in our season and landscapes. The adage "a stitch in time saves nine" comes to mind. Let's be smart leaders in Oregon and adapt proactively to save pain and money; the funds provided by the cap and invest program will be invaluable for transitioning and buffering Oregon's rural economies as they are forced to adapt.

Thank you,

Steering Committee and Team Leads on behalf of the members  
of [350.org](#) Washington County

**\*\*The number 350 means climate safety: we must reduce the CO2 in the atmosphere from more than 400 parts per million to less than 350**