

We are in a climate emergency. Every day we delay, we deny our kids a livable future. Enough is enough.

Right now, big polluters and their Republican allies are trying to delay or stop the process by sharing falsehoods about a lack of public process and demanding more and more amendments to weaken the bill.

Let us be clear: No bill has ever had this much work, this much input, this much public process. **In fact, it's been in the works three times longer than the Oregon Bottle Bill. This bill has been carefully crafted and worked on for five years, voted out of committees 8 times, had four public hearings this year alone, and eight last year including a statewide tour of public townhalls.** It has gone through working groups, studies, debate, thousands of pages of testimony and its own Joint Committee co-chaired by the House Speaker and Senate President.

This is how democracy works: Legislators have done the research to carefully craft this bill, which is what we hope to see from our democratic process. Like any other policy bill, nothing would prevent opponents from gathering signatures and referring this to the ballot like any normal law.

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