

Support of HB 4167

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Dear House Rules Committee Members

I bet you all already realize that climate change is very real and is basically the result of greenhouse gases being emitted into the atmosphere by us humans. I'm sure you've seen predictions of rising oceans, more frequent severe storms (we're seeing that now), major changes in weather patterns (we're also seeing some of that now - i.e. the recent eastern Australia dry hot weather), We even see wine grape growers moving north into Oregon & Washington for certain grape varieties that need a cooler climate. I've seen predictions that in the next 50 to 100 years, we'll see rising oceans flooding vast areas of land resulting in huge migrations, and more and more devastating storms,

Base on my reading of the legislation a year ago, it seemed that many who are opposed to this legislation are concerned about the effects of such legislation their livelihoods - I get it - as I was the on the Detroit Ranger District during the 90's and saw the devastation to those local communities in the North Santiam Canyon as the timber harvest collapsed. I'm sure that people remember that as well as other experiences and now have a lack of trust for these kinds of changes. I'm hopeful that you can come up with some great ideas that would really help mitigate those effects to those people - and help them understand the greater issue and what's at stake. We absolutely need this legislation.

We cannot continue our inaction any longer, we need good legislation now. Yes, Oregon alone can't make a significant impact, but it can along with a other progressive states, begin a movement. Obviously, we can't expect any action from our current administration in Washington,

Thanks for listening – I realize that this is not an easy task. I do wish you well - especially with doing what you can to get this legislation passed. Again, we cannot afford further delay.

Yours sincerely,

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