

I oppose HB4167

This legislation will raise the cost of living for all Oregonians, including those on a fixed income. How are retired and disabled people going to afford the rising costs of basic services like electricity, gas to heat their homes and transportation?

Why are the deals for carbon credits going to be done in secret? Does the state have something to hide? How will the citizens of Oregon ever know if the credits are being dealt with fairly? Oregon state government needs transparency!

Giving exemptions to special interest groups and corporations is not serving the public interest for ALL citizens of Oregon. Giving carve outs, also known as exemptions, to companies like Nike and Columbia Sportswear, that manufacture their products in other countries where the vast majority of the world's greenhouse gases are produced, seems counter productive and unfair. What are you planning to do to encourage these and other Oregon Corporations to produce their products in a more environmentally friendly manner?

Your own scientists say it won't make a difference to global climate change. Please show us the proof, the science behind the legislation, that shows that Oregon is in a climate emergency!

What are these clean jobs that displaced workers are supposed to get? Are there going to be enough of these jobs to employ everyone? How will you build the new manufacturing facilities quickly and stay within the confines of your own legislation, especially if you trade Oregon's carbon credits to other states like California? When will they be available? How long will it take to retrain people for them?

I believe that Oregon has made great gains in taking care of our environment, managing our forests and other natural resources! Southeast Asia is the largest polluters in the world! Punishing the citizens of the state of Oregon will do nothing to prevent climate change!

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