

I fully support the passage of HB 2021. The time to act to ameliorate climate change is now! The forest fires in 2020 and recent years caused so much suffering to the people and wildlife in our state, and has shown the urgency of taking proactive measures to reduce carbon emissions. For the first time in many years, the fires came very close to highly populated areas. There was an evacuation zone within blocks of my residence, and many in my community were terrified. I recognize that there are several factors that cause severe fire seasons, but climate change is becoming an increasingly large factor. Storms, drought and other climate-related events and conditions are causing farmers and others to suffer as well. After the pandemic, climate change is the most serious crisis facing all of us in Oregon, the United States and the world. We must take bold action as soon as possible! Thank you for your attention and hard work.