

Testimony on HB 3180 – Apr 6th, 2021

Members of the Committee,

I'm a native Oregonian, climate activist and management consultant who's spent my career working across the energy sector. As we enter a make or break decade for avoiding catastrophic warming, I'm confident we can get there with a shared sense of urgency and the right policy tools to accelerate our transition away from carbon.

I'm writing today in support of HB 3180. While it's great to see dueling emission reduction approaches, it's unclear to me why we'd start from scratch when there is already a workable transparent mechanism in-place. I'm not saying that **HB 2021** couldn't be an effective tool, but it feels like **an unnecessary risk in a time where we need predictable outcomes.**

It's clear HB 2021 has received more focus and that HB 3180 would need an equal investment of energy to ensure we have a robust solution. Given the stakes, I encourage the committee to do the work to bring HB 3180 to a similar level of maturity.

Additionally, when evaluating a viability of a potential solution (legislative or otherwise), I'm accustomed to seeing a **set of criteria** that represent the target outcomes. Perhaps this criteria already exists. If it doesn't, it feels like a critical next step to enabling an effective comparison between the two approaches. Regardless, it feels like the criteria should contain the following.

- Total emissions avoided by 2030
- Economic benefit to Oregon
- Ensuring a just transition away from fossil fuels
- The certainty of success (based on any legal or related risks)
- Political durability

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