

Dear Chair and Committee Members:

I oppose HB 2021 as well as the -5 amendment. Cap and Trade has been stopped several times in the past. Cap and Trade is one of the most contentious issues in Oregon. I do not support any part of Cap and Trade. Oregon is already one of the greenest states in the Union. Oregonians only emit .14% of the earth's carbon emissions. Cap and Trade schemes are attractive to governments because they generate revenue through bureaucratically set goals, taxes and penalties with little accountability by the lawmakers who proposed, and voted in the laws. The trust I may have had for our lawmakers is gone after what I witnessed by the dirty games the politicians in control play with our livelihoods. I also oppose that there was a hearing and testimony given by supporters before it was published on OLIS. This is not transparent and deceives the public. Senator Courtney and Representative Kotek have promised that this session is focused on transparency and public engagement.

Respectfully submitted,
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