

Hi, my name is Grace Brown and I am speaking up in support of HB 2021. Growing up in California, I am accustomed to the wildfires that occur every year. They devastate entire communities and ecosystems. When the wildfires occurred in Oregon last summer, it was clear that change needs to happen. No state should go through what California goes through every year and what Oregon experienced in 2020. The smoke from wildfires affects people's ability to breathe and the fires themselves take out homes which are necessary for survival. California and Washington have already committed to 100% clean electricity and it is time that Oregon does the same. If Oregon joins, they can help the Pacific Northwest be the catalysts for environmental change. Many young people are in support of passing the bill which means that they are waiting on your commitment because without it, the planet continues to suffer.