

Hello, my name is Ellen Greenfield, I'm a volunteer with the University of Oregon's OSPIRG group, and more importantly I'm speaking in support of HB 2021. This past summer I watched as one of the worst wildfire seasons in the history of Oregon devastated the landscape and lives of many. I was unable to go outside and breathe healthy, clean air that everyone should have the right to. I watched as 4,000 Oregonians lost their homes and suffered needlessly at the hands of climate change. Clearly what we're doing currently to counteract climate change isn't enough, we need tangible actions that guarantee that the events of this past summer will not repeat and worsen year after year. Oregon must join Washington and California in a commitment to 100% clean electricity by 2035. The lives of people, their homes and our natural world are on the line and myself along with over 1,000 other UofO students are not willing to gamble any longer. We need change and we can no longer afford to wait.