

Hello my name is Anna Oliva and I am a student at the University of Oregon. I am reaching out in support of the HB 2021. As a native Californian, summer is no longer a time of year that I look forward to. It is understood by all at this point that past summer specifically we have experienced unprecedented devastation in the western United States as a result of worsening climate change. This past August, I spent an entire month in smoke in California, with constant fire warnings and worsening air conditions daily. I was truly shocked when I returned to Oregon in September to find that conditions were worse than home. The day that I arrived in early September it was clear blue skies, but within a matter of hours the smoke was so bad that I could not see the end of my street. Panicking a little, my roommates and I were searching for a way to escape the smoke and impending danger of the fires up in Blue River. Our jaws dropped when we checked the fire map to see that Eugene was almost fully surrounded by wild fires and hazardous AQI conditions. I am calling for the support of the HB 100% Clean Energy Initiative. Oregon needs to step up and be an active part of the change toward clean energy and creating a better future.