

Chairman Marsh and members of the Oregon House Committee on Energy and Environment,

The damage caused by our inaction on the climate crises becomes more clear with every year. Last year, the two towns north of me, Talent and Phoenix burned. This year are already facing drought in our local lakes. The science on climate change was clear years ago, and now we are feeling the results.

House Bill 2021 is an important step in the process of doing something. The emission targets set in HB2021-1 puts us on a trajectory to meet meaningful emissions reductions, achieving zero emissions by 2040, which is 10 years before the critical point indicated by the IPCC.

This is a huge step forward for the state of Oregon in meeting meaningful emissions reductions. There are still many other steps we will need to take. The electric sector is not the only polluter in the state of Oregon, but combined with other actions, such as the steps taken in Executive Order 20-04 we are making inroads into achieving Oregon's green transition.

HB 2021 is a great state in ensuring Oregon is once again known as the green state, and this bill has my support.

Sincerely,
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