

Testimony to the House Committee on Revenue.

Thank you for continuing to focus on the urgent issue of climate change.

There must be strong climate action in 2021, because it is our responsibility to leave our children and future generations with a healthy world.

We see daily reports of the effects of human-caused climate change: disastrous wildfires killing and destroying the homes of Oregonians, a rapid decline of bees, the shells of Dungenous crabs dissolving in acidic ocean water, massive glaciers melting faster than predicted. Then there's the worldwide disruption to human societies: mega storms, floods, famine, civil war, refugee crises, political instability and rise of authoritarian governments.

That's today's news, and it is child's play compared how bad it could get if we don't aggressively address the climate crisis.

Clearly the cost of not doing enough about climate change is massive and incomprehensible.

The cost of doing something about climate change? House Bill 2021, 100% Clean Energy For All, sets ambitious yet achievable emissions standards for Oregon's electricity grid, and in the process, invests in local communities, sets strong labor standards, protects ratepayers from cost impacts and reduces the adverse health effects of fossil fuel-based power generation. It would put us on track to massive reductions in emissions. And it would make Oregon a role model for the rest of the country.

The choice couldn't be simpler. The right choice is to pass House Bill 2021.