

Testimony in support of SMJ5:
Urging the US Congress to enact bipartisan climate change legislation
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Oregon Senate Energy and Environment Committee,
I believe the Oregon Legislature should urge the US Congress to pass the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act because it is:

1. Effective

This policy will reduce America's emissions by at least 40% in the first 12 years. It's supported by economists and scientists as simple, comprehensive, and effective.

2. Good for people

This policy will improve health and save lives by reducing pollution that Americans breathe. Additionally, the carbon dividend puts money directly into people's pockets every month to spend as they see fit, helping low and middle income Americans.

3. Good for the economy

This policy will create 2.1 million new jobs, thanks to economic growth in local communities across America.

4. Bipartisan

Republicans and Democrats are both on board, cosponsoring this bill together. The majority of Americans support Congress taking action on climate change, including more than half of Republicans.

5. Revenue neutral

The fees collected on carbon emissions will be allocated to all Americans to spend any way they choose. The government will not keep any of the fees collected, so the size of the government will not grow.