

Climate change is creating momentous challenges for Oregonians.

Unprecedented rises in air temperature, less rain and snow are causing river temperatures to skyrocket in our waterways. This is having a negative effect on our cold-water fish like salmon, steelhead and trout. These fish are symbols, beacons for living in the Northwest and mean much more than just a fish in the river. I have personally witnessed more fish kills, important tributaries drying up, and significant negative environmental impact while out in the field.

And it's not just fish, it's our environment a whole. Climate change is happening fast, we need to be held accountable for solutions to the problems we have created, and the resources need to be available to follow through with solutions. Investing in fossil fuels makes no sense unless we want to continue to invest in the continued destruction of our ecosystems and planet...ask our kids how they feel about that.

Transparency is at the heart of Oregon's climate fight and HB4115 must be passed. This bill will give Oregonians a tool to ensure our state is investing in ways that match our state's needs and values – from the climate to human rights to the energy transition.

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