

Southern Oregon Climate Action Now

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Confronting Climate Change

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Chair March and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment

I write as cofacilitator of Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (SOCAN), an organization of over 2,000 rural Southern Oregonians who are concerned about the climate crisis and urge statewide action to address it. The mission of SOCAN is to promote awareness and understanding of the science of global warming and its climate chaos consequences and stimulate individual and collective action to address it. Since rural Oregonians occupy the frontlines in experiencing the impact of the drought, shrinking snowpack, wildfires and extreme weather that the climate crisis imposes, we are strongly committed to statewide action.

I write today in support of HB3016, a bill which establishes a program to address several of our organizational priorities. Among a range of valuable activities, the funding agency established in this bill would support climate change mitigation, adaptation or resilience along with air temperature regulation – efforts that are critical to helping the state address the climate crisis. In addition the program established by this proposal would undertake its efforts through a social justice lens, a component that we consider essential in addressing all state efforts, , including climate issues.

I note, in addition, that in order to access federal funds made available through recent legislation, but as yet without rule for its access, Oregon will be well-positioned by having a program in place that can be used by state agencies to access those funds.

SOCAN urges a 'Do Pass' recommendation for HB3016

Respectfully Submitted



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