

Submitter: Nolan Rogers
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure: SB5506

Dear committee members,

I would like to voice my support three bills that I believe would greatly benefit the people of Oregon for years to come. The proposed bills are: SB 522, SB 530, and HB 3016 and they all propose allocation of funds for various climate initiatives that would dramatically improve the health and well being of Oregonian, protect and preserve Oregon's natural environment for decades to come, and would establish our state as a leader in natural climate policy.

SB 522 would update greenhouse gas emissions goals to be more stringent in the coming decades; a 95% reduction from 1990 levels by 2050. Furthermore, the measure states that, "state agencies are to regularly report to the commission on efforts to make progress toward greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals and to prepare for the effects of global warming." This measure would set up a roadmap for decarbonization in Oregon over the coming decades which would have countless benefits that we may not even know about today. With that in mind, the measure also anticipates a total fiscal impact of only \$775,835 in the 2023-2025 Biennium and \$632,435 in the 2025-2027 Biennium; a small portion of the proposed \$50 million.

SB 530 is a bill that would also use a small portion of the proposed funds towards natural carbon sequestration actions, initiatives, and incentives in the coming years. Not only does this provide financial and technical assistance to landowners, it prioritizes environmental justice groups and Native American tribes. Though additional inquiry into amounts and sources of additional funding, the ODOE anticipates costs of about \$1.5 million and \$1.1 million in the 2023-2025 and 2025-2027 bienniums respectively.

HB 3016 is another measure that would do great work in setting up a green infrastructure grant program that would have fiscal impacts of less than \$1 million dollars total for both bienniums to the ODF.

Thank you,
Nolan Rogers