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House Committee on Climate, Energy and the Environment:

Please pass HB 3477 for the following reasons:

1. Without goal setting we can't measure our success. These suggested targets are in line with international standards and the U.S. National Climate Assessment. Our current targets were set in 2007 and are very out of date.
2. Climate change is harming us already, with evidence all around us: wildfires, heatwaves, crop reduction, water insecurity, forests drying out, ecosystems stressed.
3. The purpose of interim targets is to spur action sooner rather than later. Preventing future carbon emissions is cheaper for Oregon than dealing with the response of what climate change is doing to Oregon and its people, animals and plants.
  - a. Reducing fossil fuel dependency helps keep more money in our state economy. Green local energy & micro-grids, electric vehicles, and public transportation.
  - b. Reducing fossil fuel dependency helps reduce air pollution and the health effects that come from it: asthma, respiratory illnesses, brain fog, hopelessness.
  - c. Creating our own renewable energy reduces our dependency on fossil fuel plants in other states.

We need to speed up our actions to address climate change at the pace it is happening and this bill makes significant progress!