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I am doing everything I can to limit climate change by going electric, not using fossil fuels and recycling. Please pass HB 3477 to update reduction targets and keep Oregon moving forward to meet the net half of the 21st century. We need specific targets, for 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 Our current targets were set in 2007 and are very out of date. Climate change is harming us already because higher temperatures are driving all the wildfire problems and fossil fuels are the root causes. The purpose of interim targets is to spur action sooner rather than later. Indeed, reducing carbon emissions now is cheaper for Oregon than waiting and will be easier on us if we keep chopping away at reductions. Reducing fossil fuel dependency helps everyone in the long run. I have solar panels and a heat pump, and it works wonderfully. Reducing fossil fuel dependency for large trucks and busses helps reduce regular air pollution which we all see during summer months as haze and poor air quality. Lets keep up the fight for we have no other alternative that will lead to a good future for our children and grandchildren.