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We are in a Climate Emergency. We need to set goals in order to measure progress. Our current targets were set in 2007 and are very out of date. The new suggested targets are in line with international standards and the U.S. National Climate Assessment.

Climate change is harming life on earth. In Oregon we are already experiencing rising temperatures, forest fires and reduced water supplies. Many plant and animal species are loosing habitat and are unable to adapt to rapid climate changes caused by human activity.

Setting targets to reduce carbon emissions will move us forward toward net zero emissions. Reducing carbon emissions now is imperative for Oregon. Reducing fossil fuel dependency helps keep more money in our state economy through conservation efforts, local green energy production and installation, and by investing in electric vehicles, and public transportation. Reducing fossil fuel dependency helps reduce regular air pollution as well.

Creating our own renewable energy reduces our dependency on fossil fuel plants in other states, and encourages citizens to harden our utility grid by installing solar systems on homes, businesses and community solar projects.

Now is the time to be a climate hero. Please support HB 3477.