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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 Our current targets were set in 2007 and are very out of date.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. Wildfires have a huge annual impact on health and safety.

3. The purpose of interim targets is to spur action sooner rather than later. Indeed, reducing carbon emissions now is cheaper for Oregon than waiting:

a. Reducing fossil fuel dependency helps spend & keeps more money in our state economy. (Green local energy and installation, and electric vehicles, and public transportation.

b. Reducing fossil fuel dependency helps reduce regular air pollution

c. Creating our own renewable energy reduces our dependency on fossil fuel plants in other states.