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This is critical as we have an increased risk for wildfires and other related weather crises. We need to update the states plan.

I support the plan to update our state's climate goals. The current goals, adopted in 2007, are outdated. New goals, which are in line with current science will better allow us to plan for and track progress. Climate change is a key issue for Oregonians. We have experienced heat waves and fires that impact our businesses, our farms, and the comfort and health of our citizens. In Lake Oswego, people are working diligently to reduce their emissions by switching to EV's and electric appliances. We need clear guidance in this work. An exciting aspect of HB 3477, is that the methodology allows us to demonstrate how we can achieve net zero by 2050 by incorporating data from our forests which are storing and sequestering carbon. Without clear goals, it is hard to make and measure progress. I urge support of HB 3477.