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On behalf of:

Committee: Climate, Energy, and the Environment

Measure or Topic: HB 3477

I urge you to support HB 3477, a bill to update Oregon's outdated greenhouse gas reduction goals to align with the best available science and our peer states.

The state has had climate goals in statute and has had it as a policy of the state to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions since 2007. Since that time, the urgency of the climate crisis has become increasingly stark.

Oregonians are already experiencing dangerous climate and health impacts as a result of fossil fuel use, with communities of color, low-income households, and rural communities bearing a disproportionate burden. **Oregon State University's Climate Change Research Institute warns that climate change is already causing major economic disruptions across industries and without immediate action, these costs will rise.**

Reducing climate reductions will provide public health and economic co-benefits, by improving air quality and health outcomes, and by positioning Oregon to be a leader in producing clean energy technologies that the entire world is seeking in the clean energy transition.

We need to help combat climate change for our earth, but also Oregonians. As someone who has been directly affected by climate based natural disasters, rural Oregonians such as myself should not have to bear these burdens when there is a solution provided. By changing our greenhouse reduction goals, we can be one step closer to a green and clean future for Oregonians. We need to be open to changing along with other states.

For these reasons, **I strongly urge you to support HB 3477.**