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Chair Lively and Members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify. I'm Jessica Spiegel on behalf of the Western States Petroleum Association providing testimony in opposition of HB 3477. My colleague Michael signed in to testify, but the hearing time was cut off.

First, we'd like to note that technically, the bill should refer in Section 1 to greenhouse gas emissions rather than the word "levels"; GHG reduction levels refer scientifically to measured CO₂ in the atmosphere. It would be recommended that the language say "reductions" in the future.

Based on known technologies and current public adoption rates, the proposed targets are deeply concerning—especially as absolute targets. A 45% reduction by 2030 is completely unrealistic given Oregon's current conditions. Instead of moving the goalposts, policymakers should focus on practical, achievable reductions that ensure stability, encourage investment, and support long-term environmental and economic sustainability.

In fact, we urge your focus on the Climate Protection Program. The long-term program viability remains unclear and creates great uncertainty for entities that are trying to understand how to comply with the program. The CPP should be evaluated by policy makers to ensure a balanced approach that supports environmental progress and economic sustainability.

Thank you.