

11 March 2025

House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: HB 3477 - Support

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Michael Mitton and I organize with Mobilizing Climate Action Together (MCAT), a group of experienced volunteers working to advance a healthy climate and a successful green economy for future generations. I write in support of HB 3477.

It is vitally important to update Oregon Climate Action Commission's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals in order to keep them consistent with the scientific consensus. HB 3477 will update Oregon's climate goals in accordance with the recommendations of the Transformational Integrated Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction (TIGHGER) Project: Update Oregon's statutory sector-based greenhouse gas emission reduction goals to reflect the best available science consistent with limiting warming to 1.5°C and align with similarly ambitious state and national goals as follows: at least 45 percent below 1990 levels by 2030; at least 70 percent below 1990 levels by 2040; and at least 95 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. HB 3477 further specifies "it is the policy goal of this state to achieve net zero emissions as soon as practicable, but no later than 2050, and to maintain net negative emissions thereafter".

I appreciate the opportunity to comment and urge you to support HB 3477.

Sincerely,

Michael Mitton