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?My name is Bob Wright, I am a retired CPA living in Eugene.  
I would like to testify in support of HB 3477. I support the bill as written to update Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.  
In addition, I support amending the bill to include a net negative goal and set separate targets for greenhouse gas removal (GGR).

I expect that my support as a way to express my wish to leave a healthy environment for my grandchildren, like the one I grew up in, is obvious to many of you, and likely shared by at least some.

But I would also say that I believe setting greenhouse gas removal goals would open the door for significant economic development in Oregon, as the greenhouse gas removal industry takes off.

Please keep the second point at top of mind as you decide how to vote.  
If you are not convinced that a healthy environment is in the interest of all of your constituents, I hope your attitude on this changes, the sooner the better.  
But today I ask you to support all Oregonians by promoting economic development in all corners of our state in a new industry expected to expand rapidly.  
My view on this is informed by decades as a CPA.

Other states and regions already understand this economic development potential and they are moving ahead. Do not allow Oregon to sit on the sidelines and be left behind.

Thank you for your consideration.