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Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1187  
Opposition to SB 1187:

This bill introduces a carbon tax that will drive up energy costs for every Oregonian. By allowing the “Environmental Justice Community” to use the Climate Superfund Cost Recovery Program to recoup costs associated with climate change, it places a heavy financial burden on residents without proven results. Similar predictions made by Al Gore back in 2006 have yet to materialize, and the federal government has even stepped back from endorsing global warming theories, removing related content from its websites and reducing funding for the international agenda promoted by the UN.

Furthermore, SB 1187 prioritizes diversity, equity, and inclusion, with a focus on environmental justice. The use of this tool, outlined in ORS 182.555, raises concerns about accountability and oversight. Who will ensure that these initiatives are implemented effectively and transparently?

Additionally, this bill threatens Oregon's eligibility for federal funding for climate change adaptation projects, further limiting the state's resources to address any real environmental challenges it may face in the future.