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On Behalf Of: OCERA and PacClean
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR28

My name is Bob Wright, a resident of Eugene, age 81.
I have lived in Oregon all my life, and have a great love for this state.
The first phase of my career was as a financial manager for the UO Foundation.
I then started and ran a small business for 20 years.
My Third Act in retirement is as a climate activist, hundreds of hours with hundreds of people just like me.
I raised my four kids here and now my four grandkids live here.
Acting on climate change is, for me, a moral imperative and for them, an urgent need.

Today I speak in favor of SJR 28.

I am personally a member of the OCERA coalition. I also represent PacClean.org.
Both work for climate action in the public interest.
I ask that you vote to approve this measure and send it on for a public vote.

The Oregon Climate Action Commission has recently spoken about this, concluding that Oregon needs to act with greater ambition. And on an accelerated timeline as well.

Oregon is falling behind on climate. SJR 28 will help get us back in the game.

A constitutional amendment will clearly show that Oregon embraces a policy of prioritizing the health of our people over all actions that would do us harm.
I cannot imagine a more powerful message for you to send to my four grandchildren, Theo, Anika, June and Billy.

This constitutional amendment will serve all Oregonians in all walks of life.
If anyone tries to tell you otherwise, please be very skeptical.
I ask that you keep this top of mind as you vote on SJR 28. Thank you.