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I strongly oppose this bill. On so many levels this bill should die in this committee. First, the State of Oregon government needs to learn to live within its' means. Continuing to raise taxes is irresponsible and CANNOT be sustained. My salary doesn't begin to keep up with all these extra taxes. A senior on a fixed income will have no hope. Secondly, this bill authorizes an environmental justice community to impose a retroactive tax from 1995-2024 on companies/individuals who already purchased credits in compliance with cap and trade. We don't need to create any more government agencies. We need to downsize them. Thirdly, we don't need any more laws to deal with climate change. Managing our forests and other state lands with proper fire mitigation (which we did years ago before climate quacks interrupted it), will help to curtail anything of concern. (Learn from California and the recent fires there - no mitigation done=wildfires on steroids). Lastly, we do not need this program. We have far more important issues to solve in this state than to increase government, taxes, and regulations. Vote NO on SB1187.