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Regarding SB 557 and HB 2468: I support Oregon developing a clean energy economy. We can meet the challenge of climate change, and we must. There is opportunity here in the form of new energy.

Climate change is apparent all over our country. Locally, we see dying conifers, as insect populations thrive in a warmer climate, and in ocean erosion. Decreasing snowpack and therefore empty reservoirs threaten the livelihood of salmon and farmers. Wildfires worsen annually, and cost our state millions of dollars.

We need to put a price on pollution with a carbon tax, and provide new jobs in Clean Energy. We need to maximize energy efficiency and support solar, wave and wind energy as well as electric vehicles.

We are counting on Oregon lawmakers to lead the way.
Thank you for reading my testimony,

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