

Committee on Energy and Environment

RE: HB 2135 and SB 557 – Greenhouse Gas Emissions

I speak against the crony capitalism the phony market this bill creates. This carbon pollution market does nothing to protect our environment and has everything to do with scamming Oregonians. When you have companies trading their credits, buying and selling, it boils down to a money making game. If I owned a company that wasn't required to participate because my company creates off-set credits, it would be a big money maker for me to join and auction off my off-set credits. This is simply a non-transparent form of taxation that is passed to consumers. The Climate Investments Account and Just Transition Fund are simply 'redistribution of wealth' and has very little to do with reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Greenhouse gas emission goals that exceed the national goals are irresponsible towards Oregon's economy. I recognize there are air pollution issues and even ocean acidification is troubling, but it is time that legislators understand the climate change agenda was created to destroy US capitalism, admitted by the UN Executive Secretary. Further, Physics Professor William Happer has proven that CO2 is not a 'warmer' or a pollutant and models have been adjusted to suppress that fact. We are erroneously paying attention to CO2 and ignoring real man-made air pollutants that can be controlled.

Many of the 'Whereas' in this bill are false or can't be proven. Is this a sample of the science we can expect from this bill – false and biased?

Emission limits have a profound effect on business production that will be passed to consumers. It's time you take off your blinders to how the emission programs are a mechanism to control and tax the public and has no value towards improving our environment or our economy.

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