

## House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources

Dear Chair Clem, Vice-Chair McLain and Sprenger, and committee members,

I STRONG ENCOURAGE A YES VOTE ON SB 4109 – Study on carbon sequestration

Senator Olsen gave an outstanding presentation on SB 1507/HB 4001 on the cap-and-trade bills. He responded to the question of how we could address carbon sequestration without the cost to citizens. He gave three very good options, each having more effect on carbon than the proposed cap-and-trade mechanism. One of the options is presented in this bill.

I have read the legislation that commissioned the study on cap-and-trade, which recommended the program in SB 1507/HB 4001 that the committee is relying on. Unfortunately, the commission for that study was fixed in the legislation that the objective would be to come up with a recommended mechanism to curb greenhouse gasses. The task did not include researching the best options to reduce carbon. There has never been a real study to determine how carbon sequestration can be most effectively accomplished.

To do right by Oregonians, the legislature is not prepared to defend a cap-and-trade bill that will raise the cost to individuals from \$500 to \$1500 per year and hit low income families the hardest. We need to go rogue as Oregon likes to do and think outside the box for natural answers that nature offers.

Please vote YES on this study and don't burden Oregonians with the cost to cap-and-trade.

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