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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB2659

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water:

I oppose HB 2659, which would delay the implementation of Oregon's Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) program.

On March 20 of this year, the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) urged governments across the globe to take immediate action to curb greenhouse gas emissions, warning that current plans are not sufficient to prevent catastrophic climate devastation in the very near future. In fact, the IPCC stated that we have *less than a decade* to act if we are to limit the earth's warming to 1.5 degrees Centigrade, a benchmark long regarded as the tipping point for irreversible climate damage.

In the words of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, this report is a clear indication that, "Our world needs climate action on all fronts — everything, everywhere, all at once."

We have urgent work to do, and we need to start now. Please do not delay the implementation of Oregon's critical CFEC program. Please reject HB2659.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Elisabeth (Meeky) Blizzard