

Co-Chairs Steiner and Sanchez and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of the Climate Action Package, HB 3409.

The IPCC's Sixth Assessment Synthesis Report, published March 20, 2023, made clear that urgent action everywhere is required to avert the worst impacts of climate change. The WMO's Global Annual to Decadal Climate Update (Target years: 2023-2027), published May 17, 2023, added to the sense of urgency by predicting that, "There is a 66% likelihood that the annual average near-surface global temperature between 2023 and 2027 will be more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels for at least one year. There is a 98% likelihood that at least one of the next five years, and the five-year period as a whole, will be the warmest on record." Climate change is negatively impacting Oregonians today and the effects will only become worse if we do not take action immediately.

The bills included in the Climate Action Package HB 3409 will greatly accelerate Oregon's response to the global climate crisis and position Oregon to take advantage of Federal funding available for this use. I urge you to pass this important piece of legislation.

I also urge Senate Republican representatives to return to the Senate to vote for this important bill. All Oregonians, all of our children and grandchildren, will have to live with the negative impacts of climate change. I believe that we must work together to do whatever we can to mitigate these impacts.

Thank you for your service and for making it a priority to address the global climate crisis.

Respectfully,

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Notes:

1. IPCC Sixth Assessment Synthesis Report, March 20, 2023
<https://www.ipcc.ch/assessment-report/ar6/>
2. WMO Global Annual to Decadal Climate Update (Target years: 2023-2027), May 17, 2023
<https://public.wmo.int/en/media/press-release/global-temperatures-set-reach-new-records-next-five-years>
https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=22272