

For about two years I worked on the CEAP committee. I have been very vocal in regards to stimulating action to mitigate climate change.

I do set the bar high-though admittedly I personally don't ultimately reach the high mark-but I keep trying.

It is obvious to me we all need to change behaviors-which is not easy-just think about trying to stopping smoking or sticking to a healthy diet. IT is difficult, but it can be done with resolve and intelligence.

The longer we take to stop doing business as usual the more suffering we all will experience and it is going to be very expensive.

I see the human and natural world experiencing suffering due to climate change, this is not what I want my legacy to be, and I do not want my grans and great grans to experience famine and violence due to climate change. Nor do I want your grans and great grans. Unfortunately, we human beings, as a group, do not change unless there is some form of legislation. The clean energy jobs bill is one such tool-and after 10 years of crafting surely we can establish a program to reduce GHG emissions. Washington, DC is not going to do what it should, Oregonians need to take care of ourselves. States around the nation that have passed legislation to reduce GHG emissions have prospered and also taken up the slack we experience by the inertia of Washington, DC. Oregon can be a member of the leadership pack and experience economic prosperity and GHG reduction with bold action by supporting and passing the clean energy jobs bill.