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House GOP statement on cap and trade hearing

Carbon tax, which could cost Oregonians \$50-\$125 a month, should be tabled until 2019 session

Salem, Ore. - House Energy and Environment Committee Vice-Chair E. Werner Reschke (R-Klamath Falls) issued the following statement following today's hearing on the HB 4001, Democrats' California-style cap and trade legislation:

"We are now in the second week of a five week legislative session and it is becoming increasingly clear that proponents of this bill are struggling to develop a consensus version of the legislation, let alone one that can earn bipartisan support. We also know that, if this legislation is passed this session, it will allow unelected bureaucrats to raise taxes at will, potentially resulting in a dramatic increase in the cost of living for Oregon families.

"Historically, good environmental policy in Oregon has been approved with broad bipartisan support, something this bill lacks. It's time to table this legislation until 2019 to give lawmakers time to work together to get behind an alternative carbon reduction bill that can earn support from lawmakers on both sides of the aisle."

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