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House Republican Members Leave Committee, Refuse to Vote on Legislation that Will Devastate Oregonians

Salem, Ore. – Today, Republican members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment refused to take a vote on controversial cap and trade legislation that would increase costs of living for Oregonians across the state.

"In a symbolic gesture, we have decided to step out of the room and not take a vote on a bill that would devastate Oregon's economy," said Representative Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles), Vice-Chair of the committee. "We have tried to engage with our colleagues on this issue, but have repeatedly been denied the opportunity to represent our districts in this conversation. Cap and trade will raise costs of living on all Oregonians, drive business out of the state, and hand control over to unelected bureaucrats. Oregonians are being denied access, and we won't stand for it."

House Bill 4159 was moved to House Committee on Rules without receiving any public input.

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