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Olsen: Bill moves more Oregonians into "energy poverty"

Democrats move California Style Cap and Trade bill without bipartisan support

SALEM, OR. - Today, the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources voted along party lines to send SB 1507 to the Senate Rules Committee. This is a California style Cap and Trade Bill.

The legislation establishes a price per ton fee on carbon emissions, which will lead to job loss in manufacturing, agriculture, and other industries that provide thousands of good paying jobs for Oregonians.

"These job losses coupled with increases in energy costs will move more Oregonians into "energy poverty." - Senator Alan Olsen (R-Canby).

This "Tax and Job Loss" measure was not fully vetted in the energy policy committee, and there will be no further opportunity to discuss the merits of the program in the Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. There are many unanswered questions on revenue impacts, the real costs to Oregonians, and legal issues. This legislative process is an injustice to all Oregonians, as they will be the ones to pay higher prices for everything, while actual decreases in CO₂ "will be minuscule", according to the Oregon Director of Environmental Quality.

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