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Senate Republicans: Governor Brown's Environmental Policies Don't Result in Real Carbon Reduction

Signing of Regional Clean Energy Agreement is Carbon Reduction 'Lip Service'

Salem, Ore. - Yesterday, Governor Kate Brown joined Mayors and other Governors on the West Coast in signing the Pacific Coast Collaborative (PCC) agreement to "slash greenhouse gas emissions and advance a clean energy economy." Despite Governor Brown's vocal commitment to reduce carbon emissions and protect the environment, her continued support of feel-good environmental policies that do little to actually reduce carbon raises costs for working families and prohibits an investment in Oregon's transportation infrastructure.

"This so-called agreement with regional partners to reduce carbon emissions means nothing in light of Governor Brown's continued support of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and 'Coal to Clean' utility mandate, both of which result in little to no actual carbon reduction," said Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli (R-John Day). "Governor Brown's refusal to pursue the 2015 transportation package that would have resulted in real carbon reduction while fixing Oregon's roads and bridges and protecting Oregon families from a hidden gas tax proves she gives lip service to protecting the environment while lining her pockets with campaign contributions from out-of-state environmental special interests."

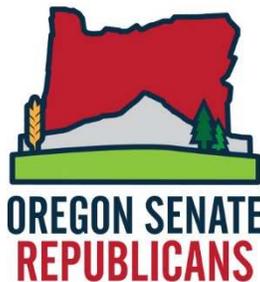
Senate Republicans assert that by supporting the PCC agreement's focus on investing in transportation improvements and renewable energy, Governor Brown reveals her hypocrisy in supporting a hidden gas tax that results in no carbon reduction or investment in transportation

infrastructure as well as the 'Coal to Clean' renewable energy program that enforces no closures of regional coal-fired energy plants. These programs are costly for working Oregon families, raising gas prices by as much as \$1.00 per gallon and energy bills by hundreds of dollars.

Senate Republicans also released two memos titled [Ten Things You Didn't Know About the Low Carbon Fuel Standard](#) and [Ten Things You Didn't Know About the 'Coal to Clean' Bill](#).

"The Legislature has an opportunity to show Oregonians that we care about investing in transportation while taking real strides toward reducing carbon emissions in our state," said Ferrioli. "Governor Brown and her Democrat colleagues must engage in bipartisan negotiations to improve the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and pass a transportation package, putting the interests of Oregon families above environmental special interests."

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