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Cap-and-Invest Bill Takes Shape With New Amendment *Proposed omnibus amendment shows legislators addressing concern*

SALEM, Ore. -- As Oregon lawmakers ready HB 2020, the Clean Energy Jobs bill, for final passage, an omnibus amendment (HB 2020-31) makes some positive changes to address concerns. The changes come after a robust public hearing process, including remote hearings around the state, and years of debate and work on the policy to reach this point.

"Oregonians of all ages across the state are calling for bold climate action, our legislators have put in an enormous amount of work shaping a policy with input from communities and interests across the state," said **Tera Hurst, Executive Director of Renew Oregon**. "These amendments address many concerns our coalition had and, taken as a whole, this represents the kind of major action needed to transform Oregon to a clean energy economy. Lawmakers must now hold the line on these amendments and move swiftly to enact the Clean Energy Jobs bill, we simply can't afford to wait."

"PCUN is pleased lawmakers included a provision in HB 2020-31 to guarantee a majority of proceeds will help communities hit first and worst by climate change in Oregon, like our farmworkers," said **Reyna Lopez, Executive Director of Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN)**, a farmworkers union. "We remain committed to seeing these crucial investments to benefit the hardworking men and women we represent, like cleaning up equipment, moving to zero-emissions power, helping save on energy bills, and training people for good paying jobs in the clean economy."

"The proposed amendments to HB 2020 maintain the integrity of the bill, while strengthening its commitment to fairness and public benefit. We commend the Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction on a transparent and inclusive process, incorporating feedback from rural and urban communities," said **Dylan Kruse, Director of Government Affairs & Program Strategy at Sustainable Northwest**. "An overwhelming majority of Oregonians support investments in clean air, safe and plentiful water, and healthy landscapes. We urge the legislature to respond to this mandate and move forward on swift passage of HB 2020."

Renew Oregon is advocating for a [Clean Energy Jobs](#) bill to cap climate pollution from the largest sources in Oregon to combat climate change. Large polluters must purchase permits for every ton of greenhouse gases they put into the air. Proceeds will be reinvested in communities across the state, putting Oregonians to work by making **clean power like solar** available to more people, **upgrading homes and businesses** to use less energy and **save people money**, investing in more **transportation options**, and **protecting our state against climate change** impacts like wildfire and drought.

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[Renew Oregon](#) is a clean energy advocacy [coalition](#) of businesses and workers, healthcare professionals and parents, farmers and ranchers, faith and community organizations, and individuals coming together to move our state away from polluting energy to a clean energy economy. We are working to create good-paying jobs for all Oregonians, protect air and water from pollution, and help families stay healthy.