

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

3/16/2017

RESOLUTION 2017.12

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to statewide greenhouse gas emission limit

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Democratic Party of Lane County, according to the DPLC Platform of 2016, to “Encourage increased efforts to abate climate change and its effects, including the agreement between the West Coast states and province of British Columbia, educating the public as to the costs of climate change, and establishing a carbon tax to shift from carbon-based to renewable energy”; and

WHEREAS, global warming and ocean acidification from the burning of fossil fuels are already causing massive problems including wildfire, drought, and deterioration of ecosystems leading to impacts on human health and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, these impacts are being faced locally and are currently hurting Oregon's fisheries, farms, and forests and contributing to the health problems of Oregonians; and

WHEREAS, these impacts are likely to fall most heavily on those who contributed the least to the problem; and

WHEREAS, these impacts will grow to increasingly dangerous levels over time without strong action; and

WHEREAS, SB 557, a bill to help deal with greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon, has been introduced by Sen. Lee Beyer and Sen. James Manning at the request of former Sen. Chris Edwards, and a companion bill, HB 2135, has been introduced in the house; and

WHEREAS, Whereas, HB 2468, a bill that obligates the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to set emission standards and create a plan to meet these standards, has been introduced by Rep. Paul Holvey and Rep. Phil Barnhart;

THEREFORE the Democratic Party of Lane County Resolves:

SECTION 1. To support SB 557 and HB 2135, which put a cap on greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon, with emission reduction targets based on the best available science for what's necessary to secure a safe and stable climate, with funds raised from the largest polluters reinvested in energy efficiency projects in low income and rural communities, and with job training for workers negatively affected by climate change or climate change policies.

SECTION 2. To support HB 2468, which requires the Environmental Quality Commission to adopt by rule a program for assessing net impacts of state policies and programs for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

SECTION 3. To contact all of the Democrats on the Senate Committee on Natural Resources and the House Committee on Energy and Environment, as well as the appropriate Lane County legislators, to communicate our support.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, March 16, 2017**

Signed:

X _____.

Chris Wig

Chair

X _____.

Celine Swenson-Harris

Secretary