



Clean Energy Jobs

It's time for Oregon to transition from polluting energy to a clean energy economy.

Our state will **reap the rewards of more jobs, clean air, and local, renewable energy** if we build on recent successes and finally hold large polluters accountable with a limit and price on the climate pollution they put into our air and water.

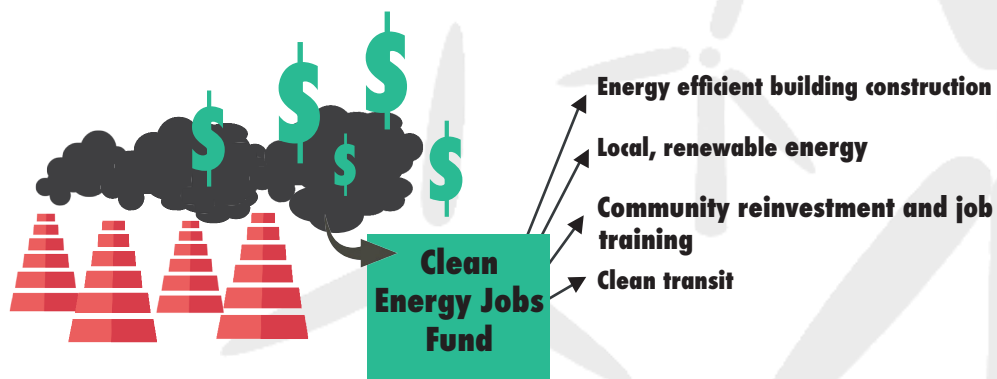
The impacts of climate change are **hurting Oregonians**. Our families, farmers, fishermen and firefighters are all bearing the burden of climate pollution. Enforcing limits and putting a price on this pollution will shift the burden off Oregonians and hold large polluters to the same standards of responsibility as the rest of us.

We must act now. Oregon can seize the opportunity to lead the clean energy economy, create **good paying jobs for Oregonians** and **protect the health of our families and clean air**.

The Renew Oregon coalition is championing a policy that will:

- **Cap** climate pollution using the best available scientific guidelines for limiting Oregon's share of global warming to less than 2 degrees Celsius. The cap will be economy-wide, declining over time through 2050 to ensure we reach our reduction targets and provide certainty for business.
- **Price** all qualified greenhouse gas emissions under the cap. Polluters pay for every ton of climate pollution they put into our air. The price is reasonably stable and can be adjusted over time to ensure the cap is not exceeded giving polluters incentive to cut emissions and allowing flexibility to do so efficiently and at lowest cost.
- **Invest** proceeds from pricing climate pollution into clean energy like wind and solar, public transit, energy efficient homes and businesses and more. A minimum of 35% of proceeds will be invested to reduce pollution and climate impacts experienced by low-income and rural communities, communities of color, and impacted workers in Oregon. Equity and a just transition to clean energy are central to the policy.

We need to price pollution and invest in solutions.





A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY BENEFITS ALL

By acting now, Oregon will reap rewards -- including clean, renewable energy and thousands of good paying jobs all over the state:



More than 48,000 Oregonians working in the clean and green economy, producing \$7 billion in goods and services. Imagine what a major new investment could do!



Oregon is home to more than 130 wind and solar companies and suppliers alone, making us poised to be a leader in the national clean energy job market.



Investing in clean energy creates opportunities for employment across all skill levels - and up to 3-times more jobs than investing the same amount in fossil fuel production.



Clean energy investments in Oregon directly created 5,300 jobs and many thousands of additional jobs supported. Jobs for all kinds of skill like construction, engineers, designers, manufacturers, salespeople, secretaries and custodians.

THE NEED IS URGENT

Oregonians can't afford to wait. The costs of climate change is too great:

- **Cost to Oregon Families:** Climate pollution impacts from health costs to severe weather will cost Oregonian families \$1,930 per year by 2020 and \$2,400 by 2040.
- **Food supply:** Oregon has suffered a drought for the last 5 years. Family farmers don't have enough water for crops. Oregon's beef ranchers could lose up to \$11 million per year by 2040 due to drought. Nationally, food prices will increase 20% by 2050 because of drought.
- **Our Health:** Ozone pollution from burning fossil fuels is projected to create \$1.1 billion in health-related costs to Oregonians by 2040.
- **Job losses:** Earlier snowmelt and warmer temperatures have impacted outdoor recreation, an industry worth nearly \$13 billion and directly employing 141,000 people.
- **Fishermen & Shellfishers:** Oregon's seafood industry employs 16,000 people. Crabs, shellfish, oysters and salmon are threatened by toxic algae blooms due to warm oceans, increasing ocean acidity and rivers running too low and warm in hot summers.
- **Wildfires:** Oregon has experienced larger and more severe fires; this trend will continue. Wildfires are expected to increase 400% in our children's lifetimes.

These **next years are critical** in determining our climate future. Oregon must lead the way. We can create a west coast climate powerhouse with policy models for others states to follow. We can shape a bright future for Oregon and beyond. Join our campaign **now**.

