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The City of Eugene Strongly Urges Support for the Clean Energy Jobs Bill, HB 2020

In 2010, Eugene created its first [Community Climate and Energy Action Plan](#), joining a growing list of forward-thinking cities around the world that are addressing climate change and energy challenges through dedicated planning efforts. The 2010 CEAP has guided a number of City, community based, and local partner agency efforts over the past nine years.

In 2014 the Eugene City Council took national leadership on climate action by adopting the [Climate Recovery Ordinance](#) (CRO), updated in 2016 to include some of the strongest greenhouse gas emission reduction goals in the nation. The CRO includes four ambitious goals – two community goals and two City Operations goals focusing on fossil fuel and greenhouse gas reductions.

Now, in 2019, the City is in the process of developing the [Climate Action Plan 2.0](#) to serve as the community's strategy to put Eugene on the path toward meeting the goals set by the CRO and to increase our community's resilience to the likely impacts of climate change. Additionally, the City has developed an equity panel with the goal of capturing and elevating the concerns of marginalized communities as they relate to the City's climate work. The goal of the CAP 2.0 is to work towards creating a livable and equitable Eugene for everyone in our community now and in the future.

Reaching the climate goals requires a focus on high-impact actions that have the greatest ability to reduce Eugene's greenhouse gas and fossil fuel use. The City has engaged with community partners, the Eugene Climate Collaborative, who have significant oversight and impact on community-wide carbon reductions or have the ability to effect systems that will enable the community to prepare for climate change. The Collaborative includes

local governments, the chamber of commerce, utilities, educational institutions, and health care providers.

This process has allowed the City to forecast 2030 emissions based on all the commitments made by the Eugene Climate Collaborative. The analysis shows that the community will fall far short of the carbon reduction goals. Analysis shows that by 2030 our annual gap between the forecasted emissions and our goals will be 470,000 metric tons of CO2 equivalent. Given the City's constrained budget environment and current policy environment, no single city policy could get us close to filling the gap. However, our analysis shows that the Clean Energy Jobs Legislation could reduce Eugene's emissions by as much as 430,000 MTCO2 by 2030, getting us within 5% our goals.

The City of Eugene knows that "silver bullet" solutions are rare and that often policy makers have to rely on small, incremental steps to reach these important goals. However, HB 2020 provides a unique opportunity to use a market-based policy instrument to make real and lasting environmental impacts that will significantly help reduce greenhouse gases.

The City of Eugene urges your support for the Clean Energy Jobs Bill—HB 2020. Additionally, we thank you for your time and effort and embarking on these traveling town halls so that Oregonians can easily participate in the policy making process. Do not hesitate to ask us for additional information.