

**A Resolution of the Washington County Democratic Central  
Committee  
Resolution # 2019-007  
Regarding Continuing Support for Carbon Cap and Trade**

A. WHEREAS Oregon should continue to lead in the fight against climate change, and

B. WHEREAS the Washington County Democratic Central Committee's (WCDCC) adopted 2020 Platform, Article VII - Sustainability/Climate Change, Plank 1 states that we believe "climate change is a global crisis...and we must take immediate actions to reverse or reduce its negative impacts", and

C. WHEREAS the WCDCC 2020 Platform, Article VII Plank 14 state that "we support the basic principles of the Green New Deal which envisions a fundamental transition to a sustainable energy economy.", and

D. WHEREAS a carbon cap and trade bill, also called the Clean Energy Jobs Bill (CEJB - HB 2020) was brought forward in 2019 after an extensive public and stakeholder outreach, and would set diminishing carbon emission limits for Oregon and utilize the revenues generated for sustainable energy alternatives, and

E. WHEREAS passage of the CEJB bill was stymied in the 2019 legislative session by an illegal walkout of Republican Senators based on false claims of massive economic disruption, and

F. WHEREAS the CEJB is scheduled to be reconsidered in the 2020 short legislative session as SB 5030

THEREFORE We, the WCDCC Resolve as Follows:

1. We reiterate our call for substantive climate action and strongly endorse the passage of the CEJB (SB 5030) in the 2020 legislative session\*; further, we exhort all of our Representatives and Senators to work for its passage.

2. While we recognize the need for action, the current bill (HB 5030) does not go far enough and we urge further steps during this or a future legislative session. Such steps could include, but may not be limited to: closing loopholes for big polluters, allowing Oregon to join the California carbon market, funding for job retraining, and investments in sustainability.

*Resolution submitted 12/14/2019: G Rosenthal, R&PC Chair; Passed by the R&PC 7 January 2020 with a DO PASS recommendation. Passed by WCDCC CC, January 22, 2020 w/ one amendment (#2).*

*\* Listed s of 1/15/2020 as LC 19*

