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Rep. Greg Barreto Update on committee hearings for Cap and Trade bills

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House Republican Members Leave Committee, Refuse to Vote on Legislation that Will Devastate Oregonians

Salem, Ore. – Today, Republican members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment refused to take a vote on controversial cap and trade legislation that would increase costs of living for Oregonians across the state.

“In a symbolic gesture, we have decided to step out of the room and not take a vote on a bill that would devastate Oregon’s economy,” said Representative Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles), Vice-Chair of the committee. “We have tried to engage with our colleagues on this issue, but have repeatedly been denied the opportunity to represent our districts in this conversation. Cap and trade will raise costs of living on all Oregonians, drive business out of the state, and hand control over to unelected bureaucrats. Oregonians are being denied access, and we won’t stand for it.”

House Bill 4159 was moved to House Committee on Rules without receiving any public input.

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House Republican Leader Calls on Speaker Kotek to Allow for Public Hearings on Cap and Trade Bills

Salem, Ore. – Today, Democrats moved the House version of cap and trade, [House Bill 4159](#), to the Rules Committee without a single public hearing. This comes hours after Senate Democrats dropped an 177-page amendment to their version of cap and trade, [SB 1530](#). Both bills are deeply flawed proposals that would harm Oregonians across the state.

“This move denied Oregonians the opportunity to provide testimony and discuss this very complicated legislation,” said House Republican Leader Christine Drahan (R-Canby). “The cap and trade proposals currently in front of the legislature give unelected bureaucrats the power to raise costs for businesses and Oregon families. I am calling on Speaker Kotek to schedule public hearings on this bill to give Oregonians an opportunity to be heard.”

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