

A Resolution in Support of a Carbon Emission Limits in Oregon

Whereas carbon emissions in the form of methane, carbon dioxide, and other hydrocarbons are a major contributor to dangerous climate change;

Whereas controlling carbon emissions would be a first step in moving toward a more sustainable economy and environment;

Whereas Article 5: Ecology and Natural Resources of the Democratic Party of Oregon Democratic Principles - 2008 supports “development and implementation of conservation and appropriate technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.”;

Whereas Article 5: Energy and Transportation of the Democratic Party of Oregon Legislative Agenda – 2008 supports investment in Oregon industry based on the development, production, and use of low-carbon alternative fuels and renewable energy...”;

And Whereas establishing carbon emission limits in Oregon would help establish precedents for a national carbon emission limits program;

Therefore be it Resolved by the Washington County Democrats that we:

- Support carbon emission limits that are set at levels that provide incentives for carbon emitters to reduce their emissions while providing some benefits to emitters that have been proactive in reducing emissions;
- Support carbon emission limits implementation process that is public and open;
- Support carbon emission limits that can be adjusted downward to reflect environmental needs and changes in technology;
- Support a carbon emission limits program that controls or prohibits carbon trading by speculators that are not producers;
- Support a carbon emission limits program in Oregon that can be coordinated with a national carbon emission limits program;
- Direct the Washington County Democrats to forward this resolution to members of our state legislative delegation; and
- Invite members to contact their legislators, Congresspersons, and Senators to support the creation of a carbon emission limits program in Oregon and in the nationally in the United States.