

**Legislative Energy Commission Meeting**

**Co-Chairs: Rep. Bill Hilty & Sen. Yvonne Prettner Solon**

**Wednesday, June 2 at 12:30 p.m.**

**History Center, 3M Auditorium**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Chris Martenson**

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**ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

Dr. Chris Martenson is an independent economist and author of a popular website, [ChrisMartenson.com](http://ChrisMartenson.com). His *Crash Course* video series explores the intertwining significance of the three Es the economy, energy, and environment--and offers articulate, dynamic insight into the workings of our monetary system. Dr. Martenson earned a PhD in neurotoxicology from Duke University, and an MBA from Cornell University. A fellow of the Post Carbon Institute, his work has appeared on PBS and been cited by the Washington Post. He recently presented to the United Nations and the UK House of Commons. A father of three and former Fortune 300 executive, Dr. Martenson and his family have made profound changes in their lives based on what they see coming.

**PROGRAM**

Dr. Martenson will present a broad and nuanced explanation of the interdependence of the economy, energy and environment. Known for his meticulously researched, data-rich and strictly non-partisan work, he will explore the limitations of an economy and geopolitical system dependent on infinite growth as it encounters the limits of a finite planet.

Through a clear, concise and illuminating explanation of demographics, debt, and the concepts of peak oil and net energy, Dr. Martenson will paint a startling portrait of the defining predicaments of our age and attest to why it is better to be a year early than a day late in recognizing, accepting and addressing the challenges we face.

This presentation will help elected officials understand the concerns of a growing proportion of their constituents. Those involved developing policy should be aware of, if not conversant, in the issues presented, as they will affect our economic systems for years to come.