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RE: SB 476

Senator

I urge you to vote "NO" on SB 476 and its amendments. This bill will cause undue financial burdens on the state and its citizens with its implementation.

The costs associated with, and time consuming work that the State Agencies would have to perform with the passage of this bill is potentially enormous, causing financial burdens on the state as well as the agencies having to perform these impact statements.

This bill is redundant, as the Department of Agriculture, a Federal agency already requires Environmental Impact Statements required under Federal NEPA laws.

The potential for frivolous lawsuits that would be filed by special interest groups would be time consuming and costly to the State of Oregon, as well as denying citizens of this state economic and recreational opportunities.

I request that you make my comments a part of the public record, and keep me informed on the progress of this unnecessary and redundant bill.

Thank you

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