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Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 7:16 PM
To: SENR Exhibits
Cc: Sen Winters; Rep Evans
Subject: Support for SB 926

Dear Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to voice my support for SB 926.

As an Oregonian who cherishes her time in the great outdoors, I feel strongly that we must take every step possible to protect our land, waters and air!

Aerial sprays were banned in federal forests more than thirty years ago. That over 10,300 acres of our Tillamook State Forest was recently aerielly sprayed with herbicides by the Oregon Department of Forestry is incomprehensible to me. Knowing that a significant number of these aerial herbicide sprays were carried out in Protected Drinking Watersheds designated by other state agencies suggests either negligence or disregard for the health and well being of our forests and life that depends on a healthy water system and environment.

Our public state forests are the places Oregonians camp, hike, picnic, swim and fish. These public forests are also the source of drinking water for many Oregon towns and communities. Please do what is needed to preserve and protect Oregon and its citizens and prohibit aerial spraying in state forests.

Thank you for considering my testimony in this issue.

Sincerely,

Kim Davis