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Chair Dembrow and members of the Committee

As an Oregonian who lives adjacent to industrial forest land, I support SB931 and SB926.

SB931 would require my corporate neighbors to notify me (as a FERNS subscriber) within 24-48 hours of when they plan to aerial spray herbicides near my home and over the headwaters of my creek. We need to be notified so that we can take action to protect ourselves from possible herbicide drift. Vulnerable people, such as the very young, elderly and infirm can move indoors, or leave for the day.

While some of my corporate neighbors voluntarily tell us, not all do. Because some corporations do tell us, it demonstrates that it is possible for all corporations to give this notice without causing them hardship.

It especially concerns me when I see young children waiting at the end of their driveways for the school bus, with helicopters spraying near by. I hope you can find a solution to this safety hazard.

I also support SB926 that stops aerial spray on state lands. The BLM and Forest Service have long ago stoped this dangerous public-land practice. The State does not know if the public is using their public state forests in the area of the spray. Therefore, aerial spraying must stop before a hiker or hunter is sprayed. The economic benefit of spraying pesticides from the hair is not so great that it justifies endangering the public using their public lands.

Thank you for considering my comments of support for SB931 and SB926.

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