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Re: Opposition to SB 1530, SB 1574, SB 1504, HB 4159, HB 4167

Dear Chairs and Co-Chairs,

Yamhill County provides a wide range of critical services to its 104,000 residents including health and human services, roads, parks and public safety. *If passed, these bills would increase the cost of providing those services.*

These bills would place a burden on the COUNTY.

The residents of Yamhill County have suffered from past impacts to private timberlands as well as natural resources industries including logging. These bills would further harm those industries as well as negatively impact the county's agriculture and manufacturing industries.

These bills increase fuel and utility costs that would significantly hamper the ability of the residents of Yamhill County to recover from the economic devastation resulting from prior losses of timber jobs.

Yamhill County is proudly home to the second greatest concentration of manufacturing jobs among Oregon's 36 counties, with manufacturing accounting for 20% of total county employment, but that industry would be impacted by costs associated with these bills, as would the county's fast-growing food, beverage and wine industries.

These bills would place a burden on our RESIDENTS.

We share the concern of the majority of Oregon's 36 Counties when we oppose these oppressive Carbon Taxes.

Respectfully,

Voted "No"
Casey Kulla
Chair

Mary Starrett
Vice-Chair

Richard L. "Rick" Olson
Commissioner