

Addressing SB 404-2

To Senator Michael Denbrow, Senator Chuck Thomsen and members of the Committee on Education.

I am happy to see that there is a bill which addresses making and supporting changes in the agricultural methods. If it were possible universally for farmers to use more sustainable and regenerative practices, we would see changes in the carbon cycle, with more carbon going back into the earth. Government monies should now go into the equipment that is necessary to convert the farming methods.

I guess if you start with educating more people in the farming business of the value of regenerative agriculture in terms of carbon sequestration, then these folks will demand a redirection of government monies.

I am not involved in farming business, but for the 40 + years that I have lived in Portland I have sought out local organic food in all my food purchases, I have been a food coop member buying from and supporting local producers of organic foods, and I have been a school garden coordinator teaching young students how to garden and why it is important to use regenerative agriculture methods.

Thank you.
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