

I'm writing in support of HB 3239. Rural Washington county has recently experienced devastating wildfires in 2020 that threatened farmland, homes, lives, livelihood and wildlife. The Chehalem Mountain ridge is particularly vulnerable due to the lack of water nearby, and the distance to first responders and fire fighting resources. Allowing industrial activities using flammable chemicals in areas zoned for farmland and woodland would increase the risk and impact of future fires. I believe industrial activities should be contained to areas designated for industrial purposes, and in locations where resources to manage the risks posed by these industrial activities are readily available.