



Senate Wildfire and Natural Resources Committee

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SB 151

Chair Golden and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Farm Bureau and Oregon Dairy Farmer's Association support SB 151, which extends the sunset date of the bovine manure tax credit. Manure digesters provide very clear environmental, renewable energy, and economic benefits to the dairy industry and the public. While the manure digester tax credit was initially successful in encouraging dairy farmers to invest in digesters, there have been long-term issues that have arisen that have resulted in only three digesters staying online in Oregon. One of those methane digester sequesters the equivalent annual greenhouse gas emissions from 28,875 passenger vehicles, which is over 136,000 metric tons per year of CO₂. This is an enormous sequestration benefit to Oregonians.

Extending the bovine manure tax credit will ensure that Oregon's digester stays online and continues to sequester carbon for the benefit of all Oregonians. Continuing the tax credit also provides incentive to bring more digesters online in Oregon for other dairies as the technology and federal incentives improve and allow dairies to begin to explore installation of new digesters again.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and please let us know if you have any questions.

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