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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon Opposes HB 4077

Committee: House Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Measure: HB4077

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I OPPOSE [HB 4077].

[HB 4077] is a structural, prejudicial boondoggle (with significant 'hidden costs') and a sloppy re-write of [SB 246 (2021)] which died an appropriate ignominious death last session.

Taken from the Text of [HB 4077], "...9) "Overburdened community" means minority, low-income, tribal, or indigenous populations, or geographic locations in Oregon, that potentially experience disproportionate environmental burdens as a result of greater vulnerability to environmental hazards, lack of opportunity for public participation or other factors, which may be a result of accumulation of negative or lack of positive environmental, health, economic or social conditions... \*\*\*[What a prejudicial joke from the 'get-go'.]

SECTION 12. (1) The Environmental Justice Council with staff support from the Department of Environmental Quality, in collaboration with the office of Enterprise Information Services, the Institute for Natural Resources, the Portland State University Population Research Center, and natural resource agencies with staff support from the department and the Oregon Health Authority, shall develop an environmental justice mapping tool... \*\*[Hidden costs all over the place-including hiring more staff with corresponding overheads.]

SECTION 18. (1) The Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Health Authority shall develop the environmental justice mapping tool under section 12 of this 2022 Act no later than September 15, 2025... \*\*[updating-more and more hidden costs. Maps will change periodically, requiring more and more money.]

[HB 4077] crates an atmosphere for the Governor to appoint multiple "Environmental Madame Defarge(s)" who will leach onto several State Departments creating confusion, waste and political intrigue in its' wake.

[HB 4077] should meet the same fate as [SB 246 92021)].

\*\*\*Don't forget all the 'free food', 'child care' and other costs for the 'Environmental Task Force.

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Mr. Oregon Concur-Terminate the Environmental Task Force with Extreme Prejudice.