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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon Opposes HB 3142

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB3142

I OPPOSE [HB 3142].

The allocations of Grant monies are too vague and ambiguous as to the selection of identified Counties.

Wildly throwing millions of GENERAL FUND money at the Western Juniper problem as if were spaghetti to see what sticks on a wall is unacceptable.

The \$800K to OSU, "...to carry out the provisions of Section 1..." is steeped in uncertainties. Dealings with the "Workforce Development Board" only exacerbates the uncertainties.

Why does OSU get all the "glory?" Why not the U of O. or Southern or Western Oregon Universities? How about the sponsors of [HB 3142] spend a couple of hours research the problem and benefits of the Western Juniper on the internet before wasting my tax dollars on a bogus extermination plan?

Western Junipers, even though they are considered an invasive plant that sucks up too much groundwater, they do provide habitat for certain species of birds.

[HB 3142] is just ill contrived and structured.

\*\*\*If you want to save ground water-start enacting Legislation that prohibits subdivisions of farm land and rural residential development.

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