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On Behalf  
Of:

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

Measure: HB2998

I OPPOSE HB 2998. This is a good example of the ignorance of a one-size-fits-all disaster. It appears to be an excuse to grow government in a year of inflation.

I will repeat what the Agriculture sector has said, the specific set of principles outlined in the bill lacks broad application to the variety of production systems in Oregon and ignores existing and successful soil management approaches and services already adopted in the state.

Questions that need answering: 1) What specific problem is this bill trying to solve? 2) Are there specific "non-healthy" soils that proponents feel need to be addressed, and if so, where are these soils and what are the specific issues? 3) What exactly will soils be tested for, and what are the testing metrics by which soils would be pronounced "healthy" under this concept?