

# **I OPPOSE [SB 795]...Keep Forested Lands from Counties' economic development clutches!**

The "**Summary of [SB 795]**" states, " Directs State Board of Forestry to convey certain state forest lands to county that determines that county would secure greatest permanent value of lands to county and requests conveyance."

**[SB 795]** is a "Land grab" orchestrated by Senator "Doc" Girod and Senator DB Smith-The King of Port Orford.

I vehemently OPPOSE any county in Oregon, from receiving Forested Lands for their specific pecuniary and or political interests. Especially, **Yamhill County** (colloquially referred to as, "Scam-Hill County" by several residents).

**Will the transferred "Forested Lands" be hewn-down to make way for more residential housing and or to support economic development purposes?** [When he is not pulling teeth, Real-Estate development is "Doc" Girod's bailiwick.]

Is it possible, all Oregonian counties will be directed by the Governor, to build their share of the idiotic quest of [36,000] homes in FY2023-2024 and beyond? **Is residential development slated on once pristine "Forested Lands?"**

The conveyance of "Forested Lands" shifts the burden of "Forest Management" to the Counties. One big responsibility is to prevent "wildfires" emanating from poorly managed Forests to be conveyed and there are other very costly issues.

"Wildfire prevention" is going to cost money Oregonian counties do not have.

In **Yamhill County**, the scourge of "**Fee increases**" to **plug a deficit-hole in McMinnville's Municipal budget**, still has McMinnvilleans, digging through their sofas looking for spare nickels and dimes to pay the bill.

"Insect and other pest management programs" and "disease prevention, treatment and research" how are these costs going to be managed? **Do County taxpayers pay these bills?**

How are wood products from Forested Lands and their costs going to be managed? Do County taxpayers pay these bills?

How are water-sheds on Forested Lands and their costs going to be managed? Do County taxpayers pay these bills?

How are water supplies on Forested Lands and their costs going to be managed? Do County taxpayers pay these bills?

What if there are mineral and mining rights on Forested Lands? How are their costs going to be managed? Do County taxpayers pay these bills?

How are the "wildlife" their respective habitats on Forested Lands and their costs going to be managed? Do County taxpayers pay these bills?

**\*\*\***"Doc" Girod and DB Smith-The King of Port Orford need to provide more facts ( and money) to the bones of **[SB 795]**.

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Mr. Oregon Concur...The "costs" to the Counties negate assistance to marginalized communities and Illegal Aliens.

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