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I am in favor of SB 85 because it is a wise approach to dealing with an imminent danger to many of Oregon's aquifers, especially ones that small farms depend on for real and authentic agriculture. Factory chicken farms like the ones proposed for Linn and Marion Counties are very serious threats to small farmers and the water tables they depend on for their livelihood. These sorts of water-extractive enterprises will not contribute significantly to the local economies. They are quite obviously water and air polluters of the worst kind: the pollution they cause is also inhumane. To allow them to be unregulated and unmonitored by DEQ and other State agencies is an unconscionable lapse in governments' duty to protect citizens from economic and environmental harm.