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This is a terrible bill. As an ag producer in the State of Oregon, I am horrified at the potential results of this. Once again, we have a case of people who are not qualified or educated, or agencies that are not well represented, taking time and money to "study" something that does not need studied.

No one puts more time and care into their livestock or farm practices than the producers. The legislation being passed in Oregon that impacts the agricultural industry is pushing agriculture out of the state. These unnecessary and unreasonable measures drive small farms and ranches and even large scale operations- out of business and out of state.

The producers end goal is to make the best possible product and takes the best care of the product and its environment to get it there. This is done up against all sorts of existing opposition- current restrictions, rising costs of expenses and low rates of return on product.

Please stop with the hype of these studies - go straight to the producer if you need information. Let's start applying common sense and let's start giving people - producers - reasons to stay in Oregon and build the ag industry rather than deplete it to the point of a full loss.