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There is zero data or evidence of threat to public peace, health, or safety as a result of confined animal feeding operations in Oregon and no emergency exists. This statement is an absolute falsehood without evidence, is simply invalid, and I adamantly oppose to SB85-1.

Examples of threat to public peace, health, and safety include BLM and Antifa riots, gang violence, burning and looting and stealing, defecating and urinating on public streets and property, injection and drug paraphernalia, pollution, etc., etc. This is where the taxpayer resources of multiple committees

“Assessments” should be focused if the legislature truly wants to “improve health, safety, and peace”. Reports and assessments on these destructive activities will reveal significant issues that impact environmental quality and public safety.

There are approximately 450,000 registered CAFO’s in the United States and only approximately 230 in Oregon, which is a very small number. While agriculture is the primary industry in Oregon, other types of farming operations are the major producers in Oregon, not CAFOs as in Iowa, Minnesota, North Carolina, Nebraska, and California to name a few. Ninety percent of meat, milk, and eggs in the US are produced in CAFOs to create economies of scale as required to feed the nation’s population who cannot feed themselves otherwise. These industries are already tightly regulated, are clean, efficient, and peaceful.

Do not waste precious resources in areas where there is no need. No significant improvements will result from this waste of time and energy. The ultimate goal of legislation of this nature is the create further unnecessary hardship on producers. I am opposed.