

**I OPPOSE [HB 3016]...Is a waste of taxpayer money, creates unnecessary Bureaucracy.**

[HB 3016] states, "SECTION 2. (1) **The Community Green Infrastructure Fund** is established in the State Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Interest earned by the Community Green Infrastructure Fund shall be credited to the fund. **Moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Department of Land Conservation and Development for the purpose of carrying out section 1 of this 2023 Act, subject to the allocations described in subsection (2) of this section....**

...(2) Of the moneys in the fund:

...(a) At least 50 percent shall be allocated for grants to be awarded for planning or developing green infrastructure community workforce development projects; and

...(b) At least 25 percent shall be allocated for community green infrastructure projects in rural communities or remote communities, as defined in ORS 182.535."

**Let us review the financials.**

\*The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) is going to dole out the cash. There is "No" discussion concerning the budget allocations to DLCD to increase staff to permit DLCD to act as a bank.

"...50% for planning or development..." What criteria justified this allocation? And the criteria used for disbursement?

"...25% for rural or remote communities..." What criteria justified this allocation? And the criteria used for disbursement?

**The "Grants" adds up to 75%.**

**Where is the remaining 25% of the FUNDS?**

\*General Fund → State Treasury → **The Community Green Infrastructure Fund** → DLCD (look below)  
DLCD → Grants → [50%] for planning or development and [25%] for rural or remote communities → [25%]?

\*\*\*[HB 3016] has many great ideas to benefit our communities, our state and the earth's climate. The inclusion of the Forest Department is very important for their Greenhouses propagate trees to build our green canopies to cool our buildings and our streets. The Task Force allows for collegial debate how best to use the resources we have to make a better Oregon. Storm water management to remove sediment, trash and hydrocarbon wastes from entering our creeks, streams and rivers will improve our water quality. The salmon are sure to be happier.

However, [HB 3016] as written, is a murky, financial mess and as such, I must sadly and tearfully, oppose this much-needed project. Please fix the financials and establish the criteria for "Grant" awards.

Alas, without [HB 3016] we are certain to slowly and torturously burn to a cinder as the earth heats up.

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Mr. Oregon Concur and says, "As written, [HB 3016] is an abomination. Fix it."

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