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Our state's waterways already suffer from excessive nutrient and sediment pollution, forcing taxpayers to spend millions to treat water and try (though usually fail) to restore salmon runs. Mega-factory farms only add to the problem by polluting surface and groundwater with not only nutrients and sediment but toxics including heavy metals, and pharmaceuticals. Existing water quality regulations are ineffective at dealing with the problem. Oregon taxpayers, rural communities, and wildlife will bear the costs. Please advance this bill and place a moratorium on giant factory farms.