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Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB85

Concerning SB85, This bill will be detrimental to Oregon's farmers, ranchers and anyone dependent on locally raised resources. It could inevitably crumble rural communities where raising livestock is a livelihood for many families. My understanding of this bill is containment of livestock would no longer be allowed. So is that meaning barns can no longer be utilized for storage of livestock during winter months, when medical attention is needed, for birthing, or for 4H/FFA projects (which I may add are generally raised with the utmost care and attentiveness). Any time an animal is contained it is only humane to provide said animal with the proper feed and water. If this bill is passed your basically preventing that from happening. Small farm animals would be more apt to disappear to predators if not allowed to be contained in a coop or structure for their safety. This bill is not practical and as a farmer/rancher myself I DO NOT support it.