



Oregon Women's Rights Coalition

HB 3003-Western Juniper Biomass Tax Credit

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Levy and members of the committee

The Oregon Women's Rights Coalition has worked for years to have a rational tax code that makes taxing Oregonians more equitable.

After listening to the hearing on this bill we have many questions.

If the intent is to get rid of water guzzling juniper why would you require only 30% of the fuel to be Oregon sourced western juniper.

While testifying the proponents mentioned that they could source agricultural waste from Central California. What kind of a carbon footprint would be generated in sourcing that material?

We appreciate the approach Sustainable Northwest has taken in evaluating this bill. Their suggestions on approaches should be considered.

We also have tried to find information on the PREP project. How many other Federal or State resources will go into the construction of the project? We know of one application to the US Forest Service as we were able to find a letter of support from the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs.

We think this bill is premature and a thorough vetting of the proposal would be warranted.

We are concerned that in discussing the emission comparison was made to forest fires.

There are too many questions on this approach. Please delay this until there are answers and not so many questions.

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