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Please support this bill. Animals in CAFOs suffer needlessly. There are humane animal husbandry methods that are needed to be more widely implemented. Passage of this bill, which is a very MINOR step, will lead us forward into a more responsible agriculture. Factory CAFOs are FACTORIES, not real farms, and should not be given the exemptions that small farms need to survive. Not only are the CAFOs bad for the animals, they are brutalizing to the workers and bad for the environment. Look at the extensive water pollution due to CAFOs during flood events. They will claim these as "acts of God", but they are just ways to pass the costs of these industrial operations onto the greater environment and to all of us, even those who do not purchase or support their cruel operations, In addition, most of the CAFOs are placed in rural areas where there are a large Latinx population that are then subject to the air and water pollution they produce. Please start us on a path to a more sustainable and cruelty free agriculture in Oregon. It won't be difficult or costly and it is well past due.