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I very much support this legislation. Large livestock operations have many repercussions on the environment, but I'm most concerned about their effects on our water supply. Most of these factory farm permits have been for dairy operations, and they have huge impacts on our supplies of clean water. Other large facilities of this kind also use large amounts of water. As drought conditions worsen in many areas of Oregon, it makes sense to take time to evaluate the impacts of these businesses. We just can't continue with a business as usual attitude - the demand for water in many areas already outpace the supply. Good planning on how to use this precious resource is vital to the livelihoods and survival of all Oregonians.