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Support for Senate Natural Resources SB 85-1, Limit Permits for Confined Animal Feeding Operations Until Further Study.

Oregon's experience with CAFO investments is no different than that in other States. Natural resources are impacted adversely:

Soil depletion has never been a concern for CAFO investors, leaving the state with depleted farm resource potential in out years.

Small and diverse family farms become non-competitive, undercutting the economic stability of an otherwise thriving middle class.

Pollution is concentrated with no on-site water reclamation, air remediation, with high demand for adjacent cropland, immense water demand, periodic drought emergency relief, all at an extreme scale with corporate liability shielding.

CAFO crop raising can endanger neighboring organic crop certifications.

Natural land preservation is at issue on both sides of the Cascades.

Conservation of natural life-cycle resilience must be a priority for integrated bio-economic study that identifies the public interest obligations of over-sized polluting farms recognized today as counterproductive for the state.

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