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Chickens are only part of the problem: by removing mega-dairies, the bill as amended sacrifices predominantly low-income communities and communities of color in eastern Oregon that are already struggling with nitrate-laden drinking water from mega-dairies and industrial food processing.

Cattle and Mega-dairies are a huge part of the problem: Each year livestock emits 7.1 Gigatonnes of Co2-equiv per year, which is 14.5% of all anthropogenic greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions globally. Cattle make up 9% of total livestock emissions globally. In Oregon, agriculture is a leading source of methane emissions.

There is widespread support for a full factory farm moratorium as proposed in SB 85-1 as 600 people submitted testimony in support of this bill.