

Submitter: Hannah Cutting-Jones
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources
Measure: SB85
To: Senate Natural Resources Committee
From: Hannah Cutting-Jones
Re: Support for SB85-1, the factory farm moratorium bill

Dear Chair Golden and Members of the Senate Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Hannah Cutting-Jones and I live in Eugene. I am the director of the Food Studies program at the University of Oregon. I support a strong factory farm moratorium in Oregon, and because of this I support the -1 amendment to SB 85 and oppose the -3 amendment.

It is clear that the harms factory farms inflict on Oregon are not just a chicken issue. We need a strong moratorium bill that would halt the spread of mega-dairies in eastern Oregon as well and protect environmental justice communities nearby, which are already struggling with heavily contaminated drinking water and other pollution. Animals at factory farms and at these mega-dairies are suffering, so this is an animal rights issue as well as a social justice and environmental one, but this bill in particular would try to halt or at least reign in the pollution generated at these sites that is wreaking havoc on local communities and exacerbating the evident and increasing impacts of climate change.

Leaving mega-dairies out of the bill is an appalling environmental injustice at a time when impacted communities in eastern Oregon need urgent help. Oregon needs a time-out on factory farms, and that must be a full factory farm moratorium as proposed in SB 85-1.

Please support SB 85-1. Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Dr. Hannah Cutting-Jones
Volunteer with Food & Water Watch