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I support this bill. Until we have safeguards regulating our water, the disposal of manure, urine, and sick or dead animals these CAFOs need to be halted. They should not be allowed to site the facilities on a flood plain. There needs to be a plan to keep manure etc. out of our streams rivers and ground water. Spraying them into the air like they are watering the fields as is now done by many dairies is not a solution. Those fields are over fertilized and it is going into out ground water and flowing into our streams. We already have a problem with blue-green algae toxins in our drinking water and areas we recreate in. There is also a world shortage of fertilizers so these operations should capture these in a closed loop which can also make them money and keep the fertilizers out of our waste stream. The drought is not over and will continue to get worse as our climate continues to heat up. Where is the water going to come from for these factories? Where are the workers going to come from? There is already a shortage of labor for the positions already available in Oregon. And we have a horrible housing shortage especially in rural Oregon. Where are these workers going to live? The owners of the capital to invest in these operations have discovered that especially in rural Oregon there are little to no regulations and little monitoring of water use and contamination. Wall Street gets the profits, much of the protein will go overseas to places like China, and we in Oregon will be left with the pollution. I do not want to be the third world state these factory farms will turn us into. Keep Oregon beautiful. Thank you for listening, Genny Lynch