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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and  
Wildfire  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB747

Hello,

I am writing to express my opposition to SB 747. This legislation is poorly written and has had no input from the agriculture community. As a local farmer who uses fertilizer this proposed bill would impose even more regulatory overreach and reporting duties on me and other small family farms. This bill is written without considering the fact that fertilizer is an expensive resource that farmers only use in rational amounts relative to the crop grown. Fertilizer rates are based off of research from Oregon State University and the extension service. To go against these recommendations would be to ignore the best research of these organizations. The limit of 200 acres is an arbitrary number that has no base in science. Fertilizer is used in many settings, not just large irrigated farms, but on dryland farms, nursery's, forests, golf courses, parks, and residential lawns to name a few. Why discriminate against farmers when there are parks and golf courses that are over 200 acres that would not have to follow this bill. If this bill is implemented, where will the funding for the program come from, who will enforce this? As written this would cost millions to implement, at a time where budgets are tight. I urge a no vote on SB747. Thank you