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On Behalf Of: Mr Oregon OPPOSES SB 355
Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB355

I OPPOSE [SB 35].

From the TEXT of [SB 355], "...SECTION 1. (1) The State Forestry Department shall establish by rule a pilot grant program for the purpose of managing wildfire risk by promoting the use of air curtains by persons that make biochar.

(2) In administering the program, the department: (a) Shall develop criteria for receiving a grant and a process for applying for a grant; and (b) May require a recipient of a grant to report to the department on the use of the grant funds.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated to the State Forestry Department, for the biennium beginning on July 1, 2025, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$1,000,000 for the purpose of funding the grant program described in section 1 of this 2025 Act..."

The entities making Biochar should have the necessary insurances and fire suppression equipment on station as a function of their permitted business.

The taxpayers should not subsidize the Biochar business via a [\$1,000,000] GENERAL FUND Grant program.

The reliance on the Biochar business to account for the Grant money expenditures is not acceptable.

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Mr. Oregon Concurr and says, "Is Oregon paying down its' horrendous debt?"