

I support SJR 28 "Right To a Healthy Environment" because it is critical to the financial health of the Oregon economy. For example, a healthy environment is the foundation of the travel industry in Oregon. Outdoor recreationists spent \$15.6 billion in 2019 in Oregon, supporting 224,000 full and part time jobs. Oregon's clean and healthy environment attracts visitors and new residents alike, thereby providing a source of skilled work force to support Oregon businesses and the economic growth provided by them. Assuring that Oregon will provide and protect a healthy environment will keep Oregon residents physically and mentally healthier, thereby lowering health care costs statewide and reducing lost economic production to illness. SJR will not cost the State money as some opponents claim, but will instead save money through a healthier workforce and population, and increase revenue through business expansion. I strongly support the goals of SJR 28 and believe that the Oregon electorate should have the opportunity to vote on this constitutional amendment.