

Support for SJR28

Why Protect Our Environment?

God gave us a beautiful world to live in. It is our responsibility to take care of it.

The national GOP Platform states we should “preserve our Natural Treasures” and “restore genuine Conservation efforts.”

There is no such thing as a right to pollute, especially if it negatively affects your neighbors or the interests of others “downstream.”

This is sound fiscal policy

SJR28-1 would have no fiscal impact as a legislative referral, and Oregonians will have the ultimate power to decide.

We can require Risk Bonds for any permit that has the risk of environmental pollution.

It is far less costly to prevent environmental harm than to clean it up afterwards.

Environmental factors impacts the health of Oregonians

A 1999 report by the U.S. Geological Survey identifies Oregon as one of nine states having the highest concentrations of nitrates in shallow groundwater in the nation.

Oregon was identified in a report by the environmental integrity project as having the most miles (over 120,000 miles) of polluted or impaired waterways in the nation. Also in Oregon, 95% of lakes have water too contaminated to be suitable for drinking water.

Data from the National Institutes of Health shows that Oregon's asthma mortality rate has been twice as high as the national average.

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