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I have multiple concerns and objections to HB3917. "Noneconomic damages" are subjective non-monetary damages meant to do what? Make people feel better? Others should not be responsible for "sharing the burden" beyond material loss. Would the state (ie. me as taxpayer) be anticipated to backup and guarantee payments not covered/met by utilities and donors? Don't ratepayers ultimately cover the costs to utilities?

Utilities would then just lobby for rate increases, and when has the state denied these?

Better that you focus on ways to mitigate fire damage by incentivizing communities at risk, and wise forest management. We don't need another PUC appointee!

Thanks for listening.