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Let's protect groundwater from the billions of tons of manure that leach into the soil on factory farms! As we learn more and more about farming practices that sustain the environment, we need to stop expanding what we know pollutes the soil and water. This is particularly important in areas of Oregon where water is at a premium. Imagine tons of manure leaching into the water that sustains communities in the Klamath Basin. Disaster!

Oregon already has thirteen mega-farms. We know and certainly this Committee should know the statistics on how much manure is produced and how much it affects the groundwater. This is not rocket science. I refer you to the following article and its sources, many of which are Oregon agencies.

<https://www.opb.org/article/2025/01/27/oregon-bill-would-ban-new-livestock-farms-in-states-most-polluted-areas/?emci=31178f88-fa0f-f011-90cd-0022482a9fb7&emdi=c083b159-1e10-f011-90cd-0022482a9fb7&ceid=1095018>

For these reasons, I urge you to pass the moratorium on further permitting of factory farms.