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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3971

I am writing in opposition to HB3971.

What the legislature does in this state capital building must not be very important.

Why spend all the effort in study and in committee meetings drawing up laws, rules and

regulations when some town or city who does not get their way for some pet project can

simply, through the current proposal HB3971, ignore all the time and money spent coming up

with land use guidelines, buy a piece of property, declare it an emergency and, by this

proposal, on the very day of purchase, go ahead and do whatever that governmental body

wishes. Why limit this proposal to only the Willamette Valley? I'm sure some place, elsewhere

in Oregon, other than Eugene and Lane County, would like to ignore the guidelines for some

other planned project.

Forget the fact that Lane County:

1) has already signed a contract with Bulk Handling System, (which is planning on running a

currently unproven dirty materials recycle and recovering system)

2) and signed a contract with a builder

3) is already committed to dates,

4) (all without obtaining permits,)

5) has spent county resident funds to purchase land for this project despite strong opposition,

6) and plans on spending close to \$180 million on this boondoggle,

7) is planning on building on a flood plain

8) and will pay (from Lane resident funds) a penalty fee for any volumes below or above a set

tonnage,

9) has already cost the residents of Lane County an increase in waste disposal fees, (which in

the past has lead to an increase in illegal dumping or burning of household garbage,)

10) will increase the trucks on I-5 and use of fuel to ship garbage to Medford because

it is
economically prudent for Cottage Grove, Springfield and Creswell to forgo the
increased
tipping fees at Short Mountain or the proposed new facility,
11) is ultimately trying to grab the methane gas produced at Short Mountain which is
currently
being recovered and used to generate electricity under contract to Emerald Peoples
Utility
District, by diverting refuse to a private facility.

Please keep our land use laws relevant by voting NO on HB3971.