

Submitter:

Lori Sloan

On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB3971

I wish to be on record as opposed to HB 3971. This bill requires every county in the Willamette Valley to just automatically approve a garbage dump which incorporates an anaerobic digester and some kind of commingled recycling equipment. This will completely defeat the whole purpose of any land use zoning laws. There are many reasons why these zoning laws exist, among them: protection of our land and neighborhoods, wells, property values, safeguard environmentally fragile areas and protect sensitive waterways. This bill will endanger the rights of local citizens and force the existence of these facilities in inappropriate locations. No public hearings will be held, and total disregard for any environmental protections. This is a blatant attempt by Lane County to force the construction of the Cleanlane Facility on a completely unsuitable wetland already purchased by the county. This will set precedence for many other sites as well. There will be no accountability and no recourse for anyone opposing these facilities, as expensive attorney fees will be imposed on anyone wishing to protect our land. This is unconscionable. Please vote against this bill. Thank you.