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HB3971

I am strongly in support of HB 3971. Itl will create a requirement for counties to approve land use applications for mixed waste facilities in the Willamette Valley as long as they conform with the requirements that land is owned by a local government entity, outside an urban growth boundary and is zoned appropriately.

Because we are running out of landfill areas, it is important that we create legislative action to allow facilities that recycle and capture climate damaging methane to be built quickly with supportive land use laws. This will help our landfills increase their diversion rates to comply with the state-mandated diversion target of 63%

A requirement for counties to approve these facilities under the rules of this act will allow these important projects to move forward with the haste that is necessary.

As a resident of Lane County, I am looking forward to our Clean Lane project that will divert an estimated 80,000 tons of trash annually from our landfill. When our facility is built it will capture around 90% of methane from our organic waste before it enters the landfill.

I urge you to support HB 3971.