

Oregon Representatives,

My name is Rose Reinertson, and I live outside of the Goshen Community, but I am within the Goshen Fire District. I have been a board member for the Fire District for some 10 years. I travel through the Goshen community getting to Springfield and Pleasant Hill frequently. My family or I travel the Hwy 99 corridor from Dillard through Goshen sometimes daily. We have seen and heard of many accidents in this stretch of Hwy for many years and it seems to be getting worse as the traffic increases yearly.

I am writing to you today in opposition for the Oregon HB 3917 bill that is before you. This bill is so unfair and appears to be manipulative in a manner to get you to approve it. This bill's second act states, relating to solid waste disposal in the Willamette Valley; and declared an emergency. How can this bill be an emergency? How can it be an emergency to force a community to take on this waste disposal site? Is it life or death to build this facility, no it is only an emergency to the Lane County Commissioners that have signed a contract to build the facility as they are running out of time per their contract to build. A fine is going to be assessed soon because there is no advancement occurring with no land to construct the contracted facility per the contract. Fines will be assessed on a daily basis is my understanding.

Does this emergency bill take into consideration that the water run off from this recycling facility can be dangerous to anything downstream from this site? This area they want to build on is a wetlands area and does not have any source of water run off but a natural creek. There are no sewers in the community. Does it take into consideration if the facility were to catch fire as our land fill does yearly, that is a mile away from this property, what will the implication be to the neighbors? Is it an emergency to put this facility in any other community other than the Goshen community? How is this bill in any way an emergency bill and how can you all fall for this emergency fraud? Please, please see what Lane County Commissioner are asking you.

This is really a disgraceful bill for you all to consider. Because Lane County hearings official denied the county's Special use permit for this property, they are appealing LUBA at this time. They are asking you to vote yes for this bill as a work around to a perfectly sound denial from the Lane County land use committee and the Goshen community's refusal for building this facility. By voting for this bill the Lane County commissioners are asking you to force any county or community in the state of Oregon to have these facilities wherever they would like. This bill is only a work around to a denial that they do not like. Government should not and does not work like this.

The county has not gotten any approval to change roadways as the amount of traffic that this facility will bring in will affect the roadway surfaces and surrounding areas of the roads. There are no shoulders on Hwy 99 and bikes are on it at time, but there is NO protection for them. There are ditches for water run off on both sides of the Hwy and a railroad as well on the west side, so widening the roadway is not an option as I see it. Have they considered the smell that will be emanating into everyone's back yard from this facility? It is bad enough that Short Mountain gives off a horrible Methane smell at times that can be smelled all the way up to the south hills of Eugene, but they still have a contract to build. And they want you to validate and vote yes for this bill. What a disgrace.

Please hear our concerns. This is not right. As a board member that deals with taxpayer funds, I know that this is the wrong way to build a facility. This entire project should be with the voters of Lane County, but the commissioners will not allow that. This is a waste of our tax paying dollars at this time.

Please vote NO on Oregon HB 3971, there is NO emergency here.

Regards,
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