

Dear Chair Bowman and Vice Chair Drazen,

I strongly support HB3971, the super siting bill to allow resource recovery facilities in the Willamette Valley. The only such facility currently planned is intended for Goshen, Oregon, an unincorporated area north of the small town of Creswell.

Why is this bill needed after the Lane County Board of Commissioners voted to build the facility to reduce landfill intake, decrease methane emissions and increase recycling? Because the multinational, publicly traded company Waste Connections – which owns the “local” garbage service Sanipac – is throwing a hissy fit. They lost their free market bid to develop the resource recovery facility and they’re mad that a competitor provided a better deal for Lane County. Do you think Sanipac/Waste Connections would have supported a facility siting appeal if Sanipac/Waste Connections themselves had won the bid to build the resource recovery facility?

HB3971 will allow the facility to go forward under Light Industrial Use zoning. I urge you to support the bill to move Lane County, and Oregon, into the future.