

Submitter: Jake Pelroy  
On Behalf Of: Lane County Garbage and Recycling Association  
Committee: House Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3971

Good Morning Chair Bowman, Vice Chairs Drazan and Pham and committee members.

My name is Jake Pelroy, President of the Lane County Garbage and Recycling Association. LCGRA is a local association of family-owned garbage and recycling haulers in Lane County. We aim to protect and educate customers about issues facing garbage and recycling in Lane County and to protect the interest of its members.

I fell into this volunteer role because my family owns a garbage business. Which was started by my Dad in 2000 while he was working as a Teamster garbageman for Sanipac. Urged by people in the community to start a business to provide garbage and recycling services to all of rural lane county which wasn't offered at the time. Now their company provides service to far reaching places of Lane County and my brother is in the processes of taking over the business.

When Lane County began telling us and the public of their details with CleanLane we tried to reason with Lane County staff and commissioners before voting for CleanLane that this project was shortsighted. We were not alone, Local utilities, cities, and many residents urged the county to slow down. There was a way to create a win-win solution for everyone but they didn't seem to care and pushed forward regardless.

That's why we formed this association—to give our industry and community a unified voice. For the last six months, we've worked with Goshen residents to oppose CleanLane's siting in a wetland. About 4 weeks ago, we won our appeal at the local level, but now Lane County is appealing to LUBA. We don't understand why the legislature needs to intervene with HB 3971 when a clear land use process already exists on multiple fronts for Lane County. This bill not only removes the public's ability to intercede on these decisions it punishes them as well. Removing their voice. Please reject HB 3971. Thank you.