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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I oppose HB 4153.

Oregon's resilience depends on decentralized, locally responsive systems.. not further consolidation or barriers that disconnect communities from decision-making. Healthy systems function like living networks: many small nodes sharing responsibility and feedback.

Policies that centralize control or increase friction for local participation weaken that network and reduce adaptability at the community level. This bill moves Oregon away from resilience and toward fragility.

I urge the committee to oppose HB 4153 and protect locally grounded systems that allow communities to self-correct, adapt, and remain economically and socially stable.