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TO: The Oregon House Land Use Committee
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REGARDING: HB 3040

My name is Sam Sweeney and live @ 1070 Ferry St. Dayton, OR 97114. Our family has farmed in the Dayton area of Yamhill County since 1923 raising a wide variety of both dry land and irrigated food crops.

I strongly urge the committee to support HB 3040 and pass it on to the house with a do pass recommendation.

There are many problems with the present system of waste management in Oregon; and allowing the siting and expansion of landfills on prime farmland is just one of many. Here are a few more:

- The present waste management system does not have any overall plan or direction. It is inefficient, wasteful without any benefit to Oregon's citizens
- The present system moves waste inefficiently by large trucks clogging our public roads
- Present system does not encourage the extraction of energy
- Present system can be located on high value farmland, next to sensitive fish bearing streams or visible to high traffic corridors used by out of state tourists
- Present disposal sites generate offensive odors attracting birds that can spread disease organisms such as e-coli to nearby farmland that produces food for human consumption.
- Waste disposal sites lower adjacent property values and indirectly zone the land for future acquisition by waste companies
- Waste disposal sites in western Oregon has the potential, overtime, of leaching toxic liquids into Oregon's underground and surface waterways that Oregon's citizens need and depend on.

To correct these problems, Oregon needs to develop a well designed comprehensive waste management plan for Western Oregon. The plan should include the following:

- The plan would efficiently handle all of the different types of waste generated and moved into Western Oregon.
- The plan would extract any energy or other materials that could be utilized to benefit Oregon's citizens
- The plan would use the most efficient mode and disruptive route of transportation to move waste throughout the region. Rail transportation would be utilized whenever practical.
- The plan would include and encourage recycling, composting and reduction.
- The plan would remove and transport any unsuitable waste to an appropriate location, such as the Arlington area for proper disposal.
- The plan would locate waste disposal sites & transfer stations in appropriate locations and not on high value farmland or next to fish bearing streams or adjacent to major traffic corridors.
- The plan would use a public utility commission for oversight with the goal of reducing costs and returning any benefits to Oregon's citizens.
- The plan would provide clear direction and plan for Oregon's future needs.
- The plan would protect Oregon's natural resources and other intangibles that Oregon's citizens value and enjoy.

It is time for Oregon to develop and implement a well designed waste management comprehensive plan. I strongly urge this committee to consider this suggestion and forward it on to the appropriate people or committee for their consideration.

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