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**SB 1507 TESTIMONY**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REVENUE**  
**SENATOR MARK HASS, CHAIR**

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Chair Hass and members of the Committee, my name is Tammy Dennee . I am the Legislative Director for the Oregon Dairy Farmers Association headquartered here in Salem. The Association represents the 240 Grade A Dairy Farms in Oregon. These multi generational farms produced fluid milk valued at more than \$650 million dollars in 2014. Most recently, two young ladies were crowned the Dairy Princess Ambassador and First Alternate for 2016. Both of the young ladies are 5<sup>th</sup> generation dairy producers on their respective farms.

I am here today to support SB 1507 and the dash -1 amendment. The Dairy industry actively participated in the Dairy Air Quality Task Force when it was active. Out of the Dairy Air Task Force was a recommended Best Practice to develop anaerobic digesters for dairies. SB 1507 as amended will continue to encourage investment in this area for dairy operations.

The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association supports the testimony offered by Mr. Marty Myers which clearly articulates the environmental benefits including the reduction of greenhouse gases, improving air quality, reduction of odors and maintaining Oregon's clean water. With the increased issues concerning coexistence in agriculture, the minimization of odor, will be a tremendous benefit to not only the dairies, but also to their neighbors.

The Association has knowledge of seven of our members (three in Tillamook, three here in the Willamette Valley and one in Boardman) who have sited anaerobic digesters on their farms. The Tillamook facilities service a number of dairies in the area. The technology surrounding anaerobic digesters continues to improve as the basis of knowledge expands. All of this accrues to a better product with improved economic and environmental benefits.

Oregon's Dairy industry is worth protecting and preserving and we encourage every tool be made available to ensure fluid milk production continues in Oregon for generations to come.

The Oregon Dairy Farmers Association respectfully asks this committee to include the dash -1 amendment to SB 1507 and approve the Bill for passage. Thank you for your time and service.