

Tillamook County



Land of Cheese, Trees and Ocean Breeze

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HB 2853

I am dismayed to hear that the Oregon Legislature is considering a bill to restrict the Biomass Tax Credit for Methane Digesters to only those already operating. Just a year ago the Legislature passed SB 1507A, which lowered the rate of the tax credit by nearly 30% in exchange for extending the life of the credit. This was done to a great extent in order to get new digesters built. There was a hope that this extension would lead to at least two new digesters and potentially more.

The future viability of the Dairy Industry in Tillamook County will depend on waste management and odor abatement that only Methane Digesters can provide. Please reject HB 2853 and any other bill that seeks to undo the deal that was made in 2016.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Josi".

Tim Josi
Tillamook County Commissioner