

I am strongly opposed to any bill that would devalue farm ground for solar. I used to be a member of 1000 Friends of Oregon because they supported preserving farm ground for farming. I have always felt we should be good stewards of this valuable resource and not allow it to be industrialized. I believe land that is 60 inches deep, that can raise good quality food without irrigation, should not be touched with solar. I believe irrigated circles should not be interfered with by projects such as this. I think there are all sorts of tentacles we don't want possible from this bill. I believe in private property rights, not use of eminent domain for industrial purposes and large scale solar can only be viewed as industrial. Put them on buildings if you are so convinced this extremely expensive unpredictable source of energy is worth the high cost to both taxpayers and rate payers. Portland has lots of warehouses, cover them. Wildlife would be impacted tremendously by large scale solar. Does anyone care about endangered species anymore? I know the Oregon Energy Siting Committee doesn't. Wildlife coexists with agriculture quite well. They eat and bed down in our fields, something they cannot do in a field of solar panels.

I strongly believe in local control, that our local county planning commission and commissioners should have oversight in what is deserving of protection, that the current law should be kept in place, that Goal 3 is still a good plan.

I strongly urge a NO on HB 3050.

thank you

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