

Senate Committee On Environment and Natural Resources

Chair Dembrow and Committee Members

I STRONGLY OPPOSE SB 2711A - Imposes moratorium on hydraulic fracturing.

Increased shale gas production is helping to moderate and stabilize natural gas prices in this country, which brings down manufacturing and distribution costs. This has made the U.S. the most attractive place in the world with a historic wave of expansion and investment underway. To block Oregon out of this economic growth is detrimental to Oregon.

Since the legislature mandated the closing of coal access to rural Oregon, they are looking to replace it with natural gas. This bill may kill those efforts making it too expensive.

Natural gas plays a key role in our nation's clean energy future. Responsible development of America's shale gas resources offers important economic, energy security, and environmental benefits. EPA is working with states and other key stakeholders to help ensure that natural gas extraction does not come at the expense of public health and the environment.

To deny Oregon the opportunity to work with EPA to develop a safe hydraulic fracturing program is putting Oregon in the dark ages.

Vote for a prosperous Oregon. Vote No on SB 2711A.

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