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Here on the Oregon Coast where I live (Rockaway Beach) it is clear that HR 2656 is a step in the right direction to address a crying need: i.e. clean drinking water, clean air. All of life, including the human, have a basic right to clean water and healthy quality of air.

With its carbon dense forests, Oregon has an opportunity and obligation to enact legislation that will help not only our citizens, but the planet to ameliorate the worst effects of climate change that is already upon us and which is sure to affect us more deeply in the coming years.

Citizens should not have to flee their homes in order to protect their health when logging companies decide to aerial spray newly planted clear cuts. Aerial spraying does happen here with little or no advance warning!

Some watersheds are protected by enclosures, e.g. Bull Run. Don't the watersheds of the rest of the state need protections? Why such small protection buffers for streams vital to community water sources?

Pass this legislation now!

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