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Dear Representatives of the House Energy and Environment Committee,

Please support SB 2656, the Oregon Safe Water Act of 2019 .The Oregon coastal communities and the forestry community need protection from global warming with healthy forest management. The toxic effects of poisoning our water and air causes cancer and other health problems.

Glyphosate is being sprayed to kill vegetation in clear-cut tree plantations as well as on other food crops. It is found in our drinking water and is already found in people's bodies.

Petroleum-based compounds in herbicides which are also a problem are more toxic than glyphosate, including

known heavy metal toxins- arsenic, chromium, cobalt, lead, and nickel. Unfortunately not being classified as the "active ingredient," these other components do not require any testing.

Current Oregon law , does not even enable such testing, because timber companies who use aerial and other spraying are not required to test nearby waters and soils for contamination.

We need to stop clear cutting, destructive logging and forest practises and the chemicals that contribute to our increased forest fires, smokey summer skies, health dangers and quality of life.

Sincerely,
Mindy Miller