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From: Dana Estensen <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 21, 2019 8:43 AM
To: SENR Exhibits
Subject: Vote NO on SB 103 and SB 104!

Dear Chair Dembrow,

- Oregon's farmers and ranchers are doing their part to protect the environment and support the health and well-being of their cattle. Oregon's dairy farmers are some of the most forward thinking in the nation.
- It's stewardship, not size, that matters. As with any other industry, size is no indicator of environmental stewardship or animal welfare on dairy farms.
- As drafted, the bills would impact at least 21 of Oregon's existing dairies, many of which are family operated and have been in their families for generations.
- As drafted, the bills would strip existing dairies of this size (700 cows in barns or more than 2,500 cows regardless of whether they are pastured or in barns) of their status as "farms", remove their "right to farm" protection and water rights exemptions, and allow unfettered state and local regulation of these farms.
- These bills set a very dangerous precedent in Oregon. Any restrictions on the ability of farms to operate in the state at the size and scale needed to support their families and community would put all of Oregon agriculture at risk. SB 103 and SB 104 are bad policy – please vote NO on SB 103 and SB104.

Sincerely,

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