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Please, for the record!!

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Honorable Members of Interim Committee on Environmental and Natural Resources:

Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair  
Senator Alan Olsen, Vice Chair  
Senator Lynn Findley, Member  
Senator Floyd Prozanski, Member  
Senator Arnie Roblan, Member

Dear Sirs:

My name is Sharon Schrenk, I currently live in Mapleton, Oregon. I am retired, living on a fixed income. My Husband was born and raised in Lane County, I moved to Oregon in 1982. We were farmers in the Junction City area and retired in 2004. Knowing lots of people in farming, dairying and logging, we empathize with them, knowing what we faced 15 years ago, and I know it hasn't improved. The referenced industries are Price TAKING industries and not price setting industries. What this means, is we take what we can get, we cannot set a price and say pay it or don't... so any and all additional expenses take a toll on the bottom line.

Equipment has increased 2-3 fold from what we paid. labor has gone up, insurance, supplies etc. It just keeps getting harder and harder to eke out a living. Now you want to add another layer?

Today I would like to ask you to think very thoroughly and carefully about the impact your proposed LC will have on the citizens of Oregon.

Currently Oregon's Median Income is \$31,950

(<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/oregon>). With a population of **4,142,776**, this puts the burden for paying higher utilities, fuel prices, natural gas the backs of hard working, Low to middle income families. Oregon does not place well the scheme of this business wise, and LC 19 will send us lower in the rankings. (<https://www.cnbc.com/2019/07/09/top-states-for-business-oregon.html>)

*"Historically, the Pacific Ocean coastal state's economy has been based on fishing, timber and inland agriculture. In modern times, it has been transitioning to service industries and manufacturing. Most significantly, the counties centered around Portland have attracted a growing High-Tech industry."* (<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/oregon>) This leaves 31 Counties with out a strong economic base, especially those in and around the Coast, those counties that relied on Timber, as well as the remote counties in Eastern Oregon.

Oregon is among the most trade-dependent states. The value of exports from Oregon to foreign countries has exceeded \$18 Billion a year. This comes from the leading commodities of Greenhouse and Nursery products, Cattle and Calves, Milk, Hay, Grass Seed and Wheat generate more than \$4 Billion a year in revenue!!! Additionally, the state grows almost all the Hazelnuts consumed in the U.S. These industries will have a direct impact from LC 19. Can Oregon withstand that?

PLEASE DO NOT ADOPT THIS LEGISLATION. Look at the big picture and the impact your decisions today will have on Oregon's future.

Best Regards,

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