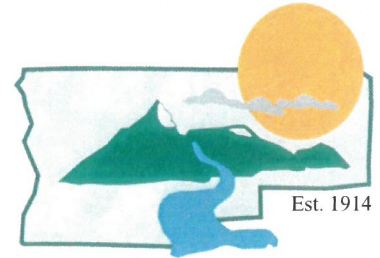


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PROCLAMATION

Opposition To Senate Bill 1530/House Bill 4167
February 20, 2020

WHEREAS, The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners represents an estimated 23,840 people; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson County provides a wide range of critically needed services to its residents including roads, parks, senior services, juvenile services and public safety; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Jefferson County have suffered from years of the impacts from wildfire smoke from the mismanaged public lands in and around our County, which has and continues to significantly impact our economy; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1530/House Bill 4167 will directly impact the cost to Jefferson County and the residents of Jefferson County in significant increases in the cost to provide services through increased utility costs and increased costs in fuel related to providing these critically needed services; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1530/House Bill 4167's impacts through increases in utility costs and fuel costs will further burden the residents of Jefferson County who are already burdened by the increasing costs of living in our communities through higher rents, increasing costs to purchase a home, and additional tax burdens placed on them by the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, Any benefits derived through Senate Bill 1530/House Bill 4167, many of which are in dispute, do not justify the penalties and costs imposed by the Bill.

Now, therefore,

The Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County PROCLAIMS;

Jefferson County, Oregon is opposed to Senate Bill 1530/House Bill 4167 of the 80th Oregon Legislative Assembly which will have punitive impacts on Jefferson County and the citizens of Jefferson County.

DATED this 20th day of February, 2020.



Kelly Simmelink, Chairman



Wayne Fording, Commissioner



Mae Huston, Commissioner