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To: Senate Committee on Natural and Wildfire Recovery; others

Re: I OPPOSE [SB 605] and [SB 590]...At least the Legislature is thinking about wildfire suppression.

Sorry, [SB 605] supports and imposes "annexation of improved properties" into the nearest Fire Protection District containing a discriminatory property tax fee structure.

Not everybody will be paying the same imposed tax rate for services rendered.

Even worse, it empowers county governments the authority to annex private properties into Fire Protection Districts.

Wildfire suppression is paramount to all Oregonians.

The Legislature, has just not figured out on how to fund wildfire suppression functions.

Consider, pursuing a cost / benefit analysis and possible contract with "Global Supertanker Services, LLC."

Check out: <https://globalsupertanker.biz/>

It is of interest to note, the Global Supertanker was first constructed by Evergreen International Aviation (now defunct) out of McMinnville, Oregon.

In re [SB 590],

Rangeland Fire Protection Associations (RFPA) are not a State of Oregon Agency.

RFPA's provide exemplary service and are a wildfire protection model worth serious study.

The State Forester assists the RFPAs in many ways and receives revenue from Oregon's general Fund to do so.

Cost sharing creates inequities of funding affecting the program's financial stability and reliance.

Also, they do not have aircraft access except through contracts.

Here is another opportunity to pursuing, a cost / benefit analysis and possible contract with "Global Supertanker Services, LLC."

Respectfully submitted,

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