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To: House Committee on Economic Development and Prosperity; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2916]..."The Blue-Green Economy Task Force" appears to be bovine manure-brown.

[HB 3543 (2007)] created Oregon's, "The Global Warming Commission" as seen here:

https://www.oregon.gov/energy/About-Us/Pages/Contact-Us.aspx

Information taken from, "The Global Warming Commission's (herein Commission)" webpage indicates the Commission has an annual budget of \$85 Million dollars and a staff of "(70+)" employees.

[HB 2916] The Blue-Green Economy Task Forces sounds really neat, until one looks under-the hood.

There are three Task Forces to be constructed each having (15) political appointees. Multiply by (3) and you have (45) politically appointees.

The Blue-Green Timber Economy Task Force is staffed by **the Department of Forestry** as stated in the, **"Text: [Page 2 at (11-17)]."**

The Blue-Green Agricultural Economy Task Force is staffed by **the Agricultural Department** as stated in the, **"Text: [Page 3 at (9-15)]."**

The Blue-Green Marine Economy Task Force is staffed by **the Department of Fish and Wildlife** as stated in the, **"Text: [Page 4 at (8-14)]."**

There are "No," Revenue and or Impact Statements nor are there any Budget Reports as to the cost of the "Blue-Green Economy Task Force

There is "No" reference to cost of the "Blue-Green Economy Task Force" anywhere in the, "Text."

It is foreseeable, the costs of the staffs of; the Department of Forestry, the Agricultural Department and the Department of Fish and Wildlife are going to be substantial.

It is foreseeable the administrative costs of "The Blue-Green Economy Task Forces" will require appropriations from the General Fund although nowhere in the "Text" is the General Fund Mentioned.

The declaration in the, **"Text: [Page 4 at (45)] and "[Page 5, (1-2)]," states,** "SECTION 6. This 2021 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2021 Act takes effect on its passage."

The aforementioned "declaration" is unfounded in reality and must be clarified.

Justify the \$85 Million dollar budget of Oregon's, "The Global Warming Commission."

Respectfully submitted,

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