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SB530: Natural Climate Solutions

Our government knows the urgency of the climate change crisis. The federal government is enabling states to tackle this pressing issue by allocating funds for programs which will reduce greenhouse emissions. Specifically, there is funding available for natural climate solutions.

SB530 paves the way for enhanced communication, cooperation and progress for Oregon's forest owners, farmers, ranchers and other land stewards. It means helpful research, education, goal-setting and financial incentive for landowners and stewards to manage Oregon property responsibly. SB530 means new green jobs for our citizens.

While Oregon and other states seek to curb reliance on fossil fuels and move towards alternative energy sources, there is more we can do. We can slow climate change from another angle, by implementing natural climate solutions to increase carbon sequestration and storage and improve climate resilience.

The need is there and so is the funding, so let us make sense out of dollars, by passing SB530 "Natural Climate Solutions". Let's keep Oregon green, maintain our state as a healthy place to live, work and play and allow Oregon to continue to trailblaze as a US climate leader.