

I OPPOSE [SB 753]...Sudden Oak Disease studies and ongoing IPM programs are already being funded.

The Text of [SB 753] states, "SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the State Forestry Department, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$3,060,951, which shall be placed into the State Forestry Department Account and expended for carrying out an integrated pest management program under ORS 527.310 to 527.370 to combat the plant disease Sudden Oak Death...

...The department shall expend \$50,000 of the moneys appropriated under this section as a block grant to assist the Association of Oregon Counties with establishing and operating a task force to encourage and coordinate county integrated pest management programs to combat Sudden Oak Death."

[SB 753] is well intentioned but, a complete waste of taxpayer's money.

Review Sudden Oak Disease (SOD) here:

<https://ipm.ucanr.edu/PMG/PESTNOTES/pn74151.html>

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/programs/PlantHealth/Pages/SODProgram.aspx>

Don't waste any time or money on [SB 753].

*****Senator Merkley is full of hot air and is sadly, ineffective.**

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Mr. Oregon Concurr...Tell the Association of Oregon Counties to hold a "car wash" to raise funds for their "Task Force."

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