

Submitter: Xochitl Hernandez-Hill

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources

Measure: SB812

Dear Oregon Senate Committee on Natural Resources,

My name is Xochitl Hernandez-Hill. I am writing to voice my support for more oversight over the current uses and applications of drones in our State of Oregon, (and SB 812 in particular.) I believe that an up-to-date, flimsy approach to regulating drones and their operations has been a disservice to the natural environment and the public alike, as these instruments can and do impact both in very influential ways (some of which can be quite negative in outcome). Too many operators are ignorant about the importance of respecting privacy rights on personal property and for operation of their instruments in a manner that does not have life-threatening consequences for avian life.

I believe this legislation does not go far enough in addressing this ongoing problem and believe that state (and, particularly national legislation is needed, particularly by the FAA in the development of recommendations for the training, education, and qualifications required for operators) to truly address this concern, however, I welcome the possibility that local governments would be encouraged to offer their regulatory authority to encourage reasonable and accountable use of drones in State Parks within our state.

Sincerely, Xochitl Hernandez-Hill

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