

## I OPPOSE [SB 899]...Where are the successes of the "work products?"

The Invasive Species Council appears to be a "social club for concerned environmentalists."

The reason why I Oppose [SB 899] is due to a lack of specifics of the program.

I spent a lot of time researching the "Invasive Species Council." The various governmental and private groups which are marshaled to combat the bane of "Invasive Species" is impressive. Where are the accomplishments?

Below is the breakdown of the expenditures of [SB 899]. \*\*\*There is no data to support the budget allocations.

The "Text of [SB 899]" states, " SECTION 1. In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropriated to the Invasive Species Council, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2023, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$480,000, for the following purposes:

- (1) \$80,000 for emergency purposes.
- (2) \$100,000 for outreach and education.
- (3) \$300,000 for the operation of the council."

The "websites below" provide a wealth of very useful information and I am very much impressed...BUT, the website is grossly out of date and very poorly managed.

Oregon Invasive Species Council: <https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/>

Go to the "Invasive Species Tab" and scroll down to:

The Resources Archive: <https://www.oregoninvasivespeciescouncil.org/practice-archive-block/gallery>

I found the website below from the "Invasive Species Council's site but, I could not find it afterwards. This website should be in every school in Oregon. (In my opinion.)

<https://www.nature.org/media/oregon/gardensmart-rev-2010.pdf>

[(Page 54) Lists many good websites, Books and Phone Numbers]

\*\*When reviewing the participating organizations one could reasonably conclude all "Invasive Species" should already be eliminated. Again, where are the accomplishments? Where are the "Reports for ongoing projects?"

The "\$300,000 for the operation of the council" **fails to discuss expenditures**. There is "No" **organization chart**, or "Full Time Equivalent (FTE)" documenting salaries and benefits anywhere on webpage and or in [SB 899].

The "\$100,000 for outreach and education" **fails to discuss expenditures** on webpage and or [SB 899].

The "\$80,000 for emergency purposes" **fails to discuss type of emergencies**, where, when and what was done to resolve the emergency, what agencies were involved. None of these issues and ancillary issues are discussed either on the website and or in the Text of [SB 899].

\*\*\*Senators: DB Smith, Frederick and Weber; [SB 899] is pure slop. I know you can do much better work.

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Mr. Oregon Concur...The Oregon Legislature should be considered an "Invasive Species."

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