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I'm really encouraged by the introduction of this bill! Oregon is lucky to have (so far) avoided the fate of many other states that have huge negative state-wide impacts caused by CAFOs. These operations also have become infamous elsewhere for a host of issues:

- Immoral and abusive treatment of animals: <https://www.asPCA.org/protecting-farm-animals/problem-factory-farming>
- Workplace safety violations and other labor violations:  
<https://www.hrw.org/report/2005/01/24/blood-sweat-and-fear/workers-rights-us-meat-and-poultry-plants>
- Environmental destruction (both air and water, focused on poorer areas):  
<https://ehp.niehs.nih.gov/doi/full/10.1289/ehp.121-a182>

A blanket ban on CAFOs can save us from this mess. It's also good for our existing farms and farmers, which tend to have better working conditions, better quality products, and put less pressure on the environment.

This bill has the chance to put our state on the right side of history, as the treatment of animals in industrial agriculture is obviously immoral to anyone who:

- 1) is aware what happens there, and
- 2) gives more than zero moral weight to animals

Please do the right thing!

-Karl