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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Natural Resources and
Wildfire
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB747

Dear Senators,

I am a 4th generation farmer in the north Willamette Valley. Although the scale of my farm's irrigated ground would preclude me from being subject to this proposed legislation, I implore you to terminate said legislation. It is yet another needless imposition of regulation that will, as history proves out, quickly expand and grow to unworkable proportions. Virtually anyone with working knowledge of 21st century American agriculture knows that economics is the best and most effective insurance against the over-application of fertilizer.

Fertilizer is a very expensive input, over application brings rapidly diminishing returns, this is exactly why application equipment has become much more efficient, tools such as GPS field mapping to customize application rates with specific field location yield potential are commonplace now.

This legislation will serve no actual purpose other than growing government, the regulation & policing state and add yet another burden to Oregon's family size farm operations.

Please stop this legislation and the ill-fated tendency of urban legislators' efforts to "California-ize" Oregon Agriculture as they search for some headline grabbing "feel good" cause, the effects of which, does not directly impact their local constituents. All that being said, the Oregon legislative branch needs to stop "searching for" legislation to pass, just for the sake of passing news-letter legislation. Rather, it seems the time has come to concentrate on cleaning-up the legislative / regulatory morass, seek ways to bring efficiency to both the regulations and the related government bureaucracy. Creating ever-more government agencies and staff positions is not the employment that sustains an economy.

Please take a step in the right direction, stop SB-747

Thank you for your thoughtful considerations,
John Abrams