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

No to senate bill 747

My name is Rodney Cheyne I am a 5th generation farmer in the Klamath Basin, I farm approximately 1000 acres both conventional but mainly organic. I farm Alfalfa, Grass, Alfalfa/grass mix, Wheat, barley, oats, and have registered Angus cattle. And I strongly oppose SB 747!!!!

Fertilizer is a very expensive input, with costs skyrocketing in recent years. Producers are already disincentivized from applying more than is needed.

Fertilizer rates vary widely based on soil type, crop and crop rotation, weather, and a host of other factors. Rates alone cannot determine overapplication, and do not account for the variety of factors that can impact nutrient needs and uptake.

What is being proposed is a multi-million dollar program that would not yield the information suggested in the bill language, nor be relevant in terms of addressing issues with groundwater contamination.

This issue deserves a robust, collaborative discussion with producers and other experts, not a misguided concept put together in a vacuum by urban legislators who have no background in agriculture.

The bill reflects a glaring lack of understanding of both crop nutrition science and groundwater impacts. It is simply bad policy.

Lastly the last thing the farmer needs is more over regulation, the state needs to stay out of peoples business, this is far over reaching and quite frankly an invasion of privacy.

Thank You

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