

I am Susan Lea Smith. I live in Polk County and am represented by Rep. Paul Evans and Sen. Deb Patterson.

I ask you to place priority on protecting public health and our children's future -- minimizing climate disruption, assuring clean air and water, and ensuring sustainable management of public and private lands, especially forest and agricultural lands.

Like most people, I live in Oregon because of the quality of life provided by a clean environment, healthy ecosystems, and the beauty of our forests and farms. Now I seek to protect this quality of life for my children, and hoped for grandchildren. They deserve to live in the Oregon I have known and loved.

These goals are not discretionary, they are essential. So the budgets associated with attaining these goals are critical.

- We need to fully fund the Department of Forestry, especially the spending necessary to implement the Private Lands Accord and Habitat Conservation Plan, and integrate the Oregon Climate Plan into state forestry operations. Ironically, it is **equally important not to fund the new program in HB 3103**, which purports to involve sustainable forest management, but is really a prescription for wholesale forest destruction.
- We need to fully fund OWRD, particularly the upgrade of the information system on water availability as well as revising and funding the state's Groundwater Quality Management Act SB 1154 to protect our groundwater.
- We need to fully fund DEQ so we can eliminate zombie water permits and implement important climate protections, including the new food waste program of HB 3018 and the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub Package. The CEI Hub Package addresses the threat of having 90% of Oregon's liquid fuels stored on earthquake unstable land adjacent to the Willamette River near Portland and Linton, through HB 3450, HB2152, and HB 2949. Department of Environmental Quality
- We need to fund the SB 688 Performance-Based Regulation of Electric Utilities (SB 688) for the Oregon Public Utility Commission to develop measures that incentivize or penalize power companies to reduce carbon pollution, increase energy efficiency, improve reliability and resilience, and minimize costs to ratepayers.
- We need to fully fund ODFW so that we can conserve habitat for all of God's creation.
- We need to fully fund the ODOT Transportation package so our transportation system becomes morre climate friendly.

Thank you for placing the highest priority on preserving quality of life of the people of Oregon.