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Oregonians have been subject to fines and rules without representation from the EPA and OSHA. We have had not recourse or place to argue agency fines and rules created by agenices that are NOT accountable to the citizens who pay their salaries. We want say and control of our lands as a vote by the people.

Example: Our Finger jointed stud mill was given a monthly fine by the EPA for storing paper wrapped studs that were rained on and not under a roof sytem. The monthly fine was for rain water that washed off the paper wrapped stud bundles into the local city sewer. These stud bundles were covered in water proof paper, there was no resude from the wood into the sewers. I asked the EPA rep if they were sending fundiing to the city water. The answer was 'No'! EPA used the money for their own purposes.

I agree with Oregon Citizens Lobby statement "HB 3971 circumvents land use regulations and due process that were put in place to protect the land in Oregon."
"The bill undermines local control and zoning authority; bypasses environmental review and appeals; and eliminates public input."