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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3971
NO on HB 3971

This bill will allow a local government to approve or deny an application for an integrated materials and energy recovery facility without a hearing. The approval or denial is not a land use decision. Citizens will have no voice!

HB 3971 circumvents land use regulations and due process that were put in place to protect the land in Oregon. Why open Pandora's box? House Bill 3971 would override local zoning laws to allow Lane County to build a recycling plant for garbage and hazardous materials on sensitive wetland property that FLOODS.

The bill undermines local control and zoning authority; bypasses environmental review and appeals; and eliminates public input. This is a dangerous bill.

Adding insult to injury, this bill will actually lead to HIGHER garbage fees for Lane County residents. This isn't just bad policy. It's an environmental stewardship disaster, with little public notice and community input.

Please VOTE NO on HB 3971. Thank You.

Sincerely,
Denice Searcy