

Submitter: Staci Holt

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3971

My name is Staci Holt, and while I do serve as a City Councilor for Creswell, I am contacting you today on behalf of myself as a concerned citizen for the future of our city. I am writing to express strong opposition to HB 3971, which would allow the supersiting of mixed waste processing facilities, such as the proposed CleanLane project. I am deeply concerned about the implications of this bill and its potential to undermine local control and place undue burdens on our community.

HB 3971, as written, would permit any government entity to purchase land and secure permits for a mixed waste processing facility, bypassing the careful planning and community input that should guide such decisions. This broad authority threatens the ability of cities like Creswell to protect our residents and maintain the integrity of our local planning processes. I strongly oppose granting such unchecked power to supersite facilities that could disrupt our communities and environment.

Furthermore, the CleanLane project itself imposes significant financial burdens on Lane County families and businesses. The overall costs associated with this initiative are substantial, and it is unfair to expect our residents and local businesses to bear this load. These funds could be better allocated to projects that directly benefit our community and align with the needs of our constituents.

Even after our city expressed concerns over CleanLane, Lane County moved forward with this project. It is also disheartening that Lane County appears to prioritize the CleanLane project over other shared initiatives that could serve the broader interests of our region. Our communities deserve investments in projects that reflect collaborative priorities, not ones that disproportionately impact our residents while offering questionable benefits.

I urge you to reject HB 3971 to protect local governance, prevent unnecessary financial strain on Lane County families and businesses, and ensure that our region's resources are directed toward projects that truly serve the public good.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, Staci Holt