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I OPPOSE SB 1590.

It appears that the people who represent us (legislators) have a "bone" to pick with the federal government. Whether it be you don't like the leadership or their policy, it does not matter. Oregon legislators are supposed to represent the people and it seems they only represent their own interests. It's time you listen to the people.

This bill prohibits state public bodies from using resources, such as money, data, equipment, or personnel - to assist the federal government in selling or transferring certain federally owned lands in Oregon. This really is intended to prevent the privatization of public lands managed by agencies like the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, Forest Service, or National Park Service from selling the land they "own".

The U.S. Constitution limits federal ownership of lands except for specific purposes. That means the federal government is holding a lot of Oregon land in violation of the Constitution and this set of majority leadership wants that to continue? The federal government will sell it anyway, why not develop a plan and cooperate to make sure it goes to the right hands that benefits all Oregonians?

It seems that our current legislation prefers to say no to everything federal wants because of their hatred toward leadership.... it just feels that way and needs to cease. When do our legislators consider what is best for Oregonians and think smartly for our benefit? This isn't our side their side syndrome.... that which legislators seem to be totally focused on rather than that of the people they represent.

NO to SB 1550. Legislators can do better for the people. Why don't you?