

I grew up in Oregon my entire life. I'm incredibly proud of Oregon's reputation as a bastion of ecological health and vibrance in the Pacific Northwest. It is of the utmost importance that we do everything in our power to protect this reputation and protect the health of our home and our residents. I am, as are many other people who call Oregon home, proud of this state for being a sanctuary for both people and nature alike.

This legislation protects wildlife and human health. The health of people and our environment is inextricably linked. The agricultural health of our state relies on protecting the land. Keeping nature healthy keeps people healthy. Projects funded by this legislation will help protect and clean drinking water, support wild pollinators that are essential to our food and natural systems, and maintain species like bats that help control insect populations. These investments aren't just an investment in our environment; they're an investment in community health.