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Oregon State Senators
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301-4047

PROCLAMATION

Eastern Oregon Counties Association

WHEREAS, Eastern Oregon Counties Association (EOCA) represents 14 Oregon Counties and approximately 500,000 Citizens living productively on 2/3 of Oregon's land mass, and

WHEREAS, positions and opinions on both sides of Senate Bill 1530 have been made based upon partisan politics and philosophical positioning, rather than fact; and an ecological and economic study of the potential impacts of this legislation on each of the 36 Counties in Oregon has not been conducted, and

WHEREAS, with an emergency clause attached to this legislation, a rushed decision without an opportunity for the people of Oregon to speak is not how our great State should do business, and

WHEREAS, "carve outs" for particular sections of our economy reflect weak legislation and give the illusion of politics and favoritism rather than good policy, and

WHEREAS, Eastern Oregon Counties provide a wide range of critical services to its residents including health and human services, roads, parks, public safety, and some of the most productive and efficient agricultural and forested lands in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, SB1530 will directly impact Eastern Oregon Counties with significant increases in the costs to provide services through increased utility rates and increased costs in fuel, related to providing those critical services; and

WHEREAS, SB1530's impacts through increased utility and fuel costs will further burden the residents of Eastern Oregon Counties who are already burdened by the higher cost of living in our communities because of higher rents, increased costs to purchase a home, and additional tax burdens placed on them by the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, any benefits derived through SB 1530, many of which are in dispute, do not justify the penalties and costs imposed by the Bill, and

NOW THEREFORE,

The Eastern Oregon Counties Association PROCLAIMS:

EOCA is opposed to Senate Bill 1530 of the 80th Oregon Legislative Assembly, which will have punitive impacts on EOCA, and the citizens of Eastern Oregon.



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The following Commissioners, Judges, and Chairs have given their support of this proclamation, however, they do not currently have an electronic signature on file with the Eastern Oregon Counties Association.

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