

*Before the Board of County Commissioners
for Josephine County
STATE OF OREGON*

In the Matter of Proclaiming

Opposition To Senate Bill 1530




- Whereas,* the Josephine County Board of Commissioners represents an estimated 86,400 people; and
- Whereas,* Josephine County provides a wide range of critically needed services to its residents including roads, parks, senior services, juvenile services and public safety; and
- Whereas,* the residents of Josephine County have suffered from years of the impacts from wildfire smoke from the mismanaged public lands in and around our County, which has and continues to significantly impact our economy; and
- Whereas,* Senate Bill 1530 will directly impact the cost to Josephine County and the residents of Josephine County in significant increases in the cost to provide services through increased utility costs and increased fuels related to providing those critically needed services; and
- Whereas,* Senate Bill 1530's impacts through increases in utility costs and fuel costs will further burden the residents of Josephine County who are already burdened by the increased costs of living in our communities through higher rents, increasing costs to purchase a home, and additional tax burdens placed on them by the State of Oregon; and
- Whereas,* Senate Bill 1530's impacts through increased utility costs and extra fuel costs will significantly hamper the ability of the residents of Josephine County to attempt to recover from the economic devastation caused by wildfire smoke; and
- Whereas,* any benefits derived through Senate Bill 1530, many of which are in dispute, do not justify the penalties and costs imposed by the Bill.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Josephine County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim that Josephine County, Oregon is opposed to Senate Bill 1530 of the 80th Oregon Legislative Assembly which will have punitive impacts on Josephine County and the citizens of Josephine County.

Done and Dated this 26th Day of February, 2020

JOSEPHINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS


Darin J. Fowler, Chair


Daniel E. DeYoung, Vice Chair


Lily N. Morgan, Commissioner