

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

1/17/2019

RESOLUTION 2019.12

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to Environmental Legislation

WHEREAS, Reps. Paul Holvey and Ken Helm have introduced HB 2242 that authorizes the Public Utility Commission to consider differential energy burden and other inequities of affordability in utility rates; and

WHEREAS, Sen. Lee Beyer and Rep. Caddy McKeown and Susan McLain have introduced SB 411 that directs the Department of Transportation to research weight limits for electric vehicles to allow the increased size of batteries and to report back to the legislature the findings.; and

WHEREAS, Reps. Ken Helm and D.B. Smith and Sens. Arnie Roblan and Floyd Prozanski have introduced HB 2618 For Solar Panel Rebates rather than tax credits; and

WHEREAS, Reps. Carla Piluso and Janeen Sollman and Chris Gorsek introduced HB 2509 that prohibits use of single-use checkout bags except in certain cases; and

WHEREAS, Reps. David Brock Smith & Caddy McKeown and Sen. Arnie Roblan have introduced HB 2365 for this continued funding for eradication of "Sudden Oak Death Virus" on the southern Oregon coastal areas; and

WHEREAS, Reps. Andrea Salinas and Karin Power have introduced HB 2656 to require best forestry practices around and near to public drinking water sources on public and private forest land; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Salinas and Sen. Taylor have introduced HB 2659 to repeal special assessments and property tax exemptions for forest lands covered by timber

plantations and non-forested land; and

WHEREAS, Sens. Michael Dembrow and Jeff Golden have introduced SB 723 that prohibits organizing, sponsoring, promoting, conducting or participating in contest, competition, tournament or derby that has objective of taking wildlife for prizes or other inducement or for entertainment.

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County resolves:

SECTION 1: To encourage Lane County legislators to vote in support of -

- a. HB 2242 - Authorizes Public Utility Commission to study utility rates for inequities;
- b. SB 411 - directs DOT to researches weight allowances for electric vehicles;
- c. HB 2618 - Establishes rebates for Solar Panel installations;
- d. HB 2509 - Bans single use plastic bags for checkout with reasonable exceptions;
- e. HB 2365 - Funding for eradication of "Sudden Oak Death Virus";
- f. HB 2656 - Protects public drinking water sources on public and private forest land ;
- g. HB 2659 - Repeals special assessments and property tax exemptions for timber plantations; and
- h. SB 723 - Bans tournaments or derbies that have objective of taking wildlife.

SECTION 2: To communicate our support of these bills to the appropriate committees and to the Members of the Oregon Senate and Oregon House of Representatives.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, February 21, 2019**