



**OREGON STATE SENATE**

Fires have ravaged our state for over a decade. It is my firm belief that a major contributing factor to this has been the mismanagement of our forests on behalf of our federal partners. The most recent iteration of this happened this summer which cost our communities and our state millions of dollars. I firmly believe that our federal partners should pay for their mismanagement and that there needs to be this federal system to fully reimburse our local and state governments. I have advocated for these concepts for years. I unfortunately had to vote no however due to the infringement on the peoples constitutional rights imposed by the business done during this session.

The “People’s Work” should be considered an essential service and there for accessible in person. Because the people are still being denied their constitutional right to participate and lobby their legislature in an open manner, I cannot legitimize this session with a yes vote no matter the merit of the bill, and there for had to vote no.