

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of Tillamook County's)
Opposition to Senate Bill 1530 and)
House Bill 4167)
RESOLUTION
#R-20-003

This matter came before the Tillamook County Board of Commissioners on February 26, 2020. The Board of Commissioners, being fully apprised, finds as follows:

1. The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners represents an estimated 26,000 citizens, many of whom are employed in farming, forestry and fishing industries.
2. Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 will directly increase costs to Tillamook County and its residents by causing significant increases in fuel costs. Tillamook County freight and dairy feed can only be hauled in by truck and all our finished products including milk and timber must also be hauled out by truck. Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 will increase the cost of the finished product to the point that they will no longer be competitive in the marketplace. This will result in loss of revenue to locally owned businesses, could result in loss of jobs and will most certainly result in increased costs to consumers, all directly impacting our local economy.
3. Approximately 90% of Tillamook County land is forest land. It has been shown that forest lands and subsequent harvest, replanting, as well as carbon sequestered in finished wood products, is a huge carbon sink. This lowers our carbon footprint and that of the entire state at no cost to taxpayers. As such, Tillamook County may already be carbon neutral.
4. Any benefits derived through Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167, many of which are in dispute, do not justify the penalties and costs imposed by the bills.
5. The short session was sold to the voters as being for the correction of technical errors and omissions in the biennium budget. Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 are not a small budgetary fix and fall outside the scope of what was promised to the voters.
6. Such a major public policy should be referred to the ballot allowing all Oregonians to weigh in on this matter.

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- 7. Tillamook County is in a housing crisis with over 23% of renters and 17% of homeowners who will be rent burdened. Tillamook County's rental vacancy rate is at or almost 0%. Due to the lack of housing in Tillamook County, employers experience great difficulty in finding employees and this has a severe impact on our economic development. Employers find they are forced to hire employees who must commute long distances from outside of Tillamook County.
- 8. Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 will directly impact the cost to those commuting to their jobs in Tillamook County, causing negative impact to our businesses.
- 9. Many Tillamook County residents are classified as rent burdened. The median family income is \$10,000 less than our urban neighbors. The financial burden of Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 will cause extreme hardship to those who can least afford it.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that:

- 10. Tillamook County opposes Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 of the 80th Oregon Legislative Assembly which will have drastic impacts on Tillamook County and its residents.

DATED this 26th day of February, 2020

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR
TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

Aye Nay Abstain/Absent

Bill Baertlein
Bill Baertlein, Chair

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Mary Faith Bell
Mary Faith Bell, Vice Chair

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David Yamamoto
David Yamamoto, Commissioner

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ATTEST: Tassi O'Neil, County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: [Signature]
Special Deputy

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Joel W. Stevens, County Counsel

