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NO on HB 4118 and the amendment. UGB expansions should be a public process, and benefit the greater public, not just private landowners. Developers should not be able to bypass the normal processes for wise growth planning. With what we now know about the need for trees and green areas, with climate change and habitat destruction, saving farm, forest and natural areas becomes even more important to plan wisely, and not just benefit development. Other aspects of the bill seem hard to accomplish, such as the deadlines for urban services . The amendment about the task force, seems to tend toward significant bias, as opposed to planning expertise, and seems skewed to benefit development/land owners who would benefit from it. It is far too broad.