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Committee: House Committee On Housing
Measure: HB4118

HB 4118 and -1 amendment would obliterate the whole purpose of an Urban Growth Boundary. The term in section 3, says the "task force" shall consider "provision of needed housing and shovel-ready industrial and manufacturing land to support needed housing;" The term "needed housing" is not defined in the law. The terms "industrial and manufacturing land needed" is broad enough to include expanding practically all types of urban facilities. The UGB concept in Oregon which was incorporated into our ground breaking land use law, has saved thousands of acres of fertile farmland. Much of that land would otherwise now be covered with massive housing divisions, or spread out clusters of strip malls and other commercial uses, like we see in other states. Allowing housing and related uses on EFU land would defeat the purpose of the land use laws which were developed in the first place to protect that precious resource. Please vote NO on HB 4118 and its amendment.