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As a farmer in Lane County, I am opposed to this bill which would allow cafes on EFU land. There are already provisions in our laws that allow the sale of food through farm stands, etc. and they are appropriately limited to ensure that the income from food sales is subordinate to income from the sale of farm crops. This proposal is just an excuse to have a restaurant on farmland without tying it to the actual production or sale of crops.

This bill would create a lot of excess rural traffic and basically extend urban land use into rural areas. If Lane County gets this, then other counties will want it too. Cafes belong in town and EFU land should be used for growing food. If you want to pass a bill to help food farmers in Lane County, work on stopping the expansion of the Eugene UGB into successful farms and create incentives and strategies for getting more consumers to buy food direct from local farms.