

Submitter: Jim Gilbert  
On Behalf Of: Northwoods Nursery  
Committee: Senate Committee On Labor and Business  
Measure: HB4040

Dear Committee Chair and members, I am opposed to the A-6 Amendment to this bill. I have been growing nursery stock in south Clackamas County for 45 years and greatly value Oregon's unique land use planning program and the protections it provides for our Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) land. This Amendment is similar to other attempts to carve out an exception to the zoning of the land for farming. It is not only inappropriate in this situation, but such carve outs open the door for more such requests. The land was zoned EFU when purchased and the owner should have known of that classification and the restrictions it put on the land. Golf courses are not a permitted use on EFU land and the amendment should not be added to this bill. Thank you, Jim Gilbert