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I am opposed to this bill. In Oregon almost 64% of farm operator are at least 55 years old with 39.6% 65 or older. 82.3% are owners of the farm 67% of the farms are 50 acres or smaller. With this age cohort and the size of the farms, many are family operations have both parents and kids working the farm and larger houses are needed. We are not losing farm land at an alarming rate. What are losing at an alarming rate is our freedom and rights to use property. The limits on replacement dwelling is another limitation on rural living that is unwarranted. Only 1.5% of land in Oregon is used for development. There is no danger of changing farming in the state only the danger of over regulation for perceived problems that cannot be proven or justified. Do not pass this bill. There is no way to modify the bill that would preserve property rights.