



## **Jefferson County Farm Bureau**

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Chair Lively and Committee Members,  
House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment  
900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

**Oppose HB 3681 and -1 Amendment  
Let DLCD Solar RAC Complete the work tasked by this Legislative Body**

Dear Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Gamba and Levy and Committee Members,

Jefferson County Farm Bureau is a member of the Oregon Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF). In 1947 our county farm bureau was formed.

As a county farm bureau, we oppose the original bill, HB 3681 and dash one amendment. The amendment makes this even a more extreme bill. We feel that the bill is not needed and you need to understand that DLCD was tasked to have a RAC to deal with solar which is one part of this bill. This bill is a supper siting bill that is before you to undermine the RAC recommendations when it comes to solar and transmission lines. Our county farm bureau attended the RAC tour and meetings when they were in Madras.

This bill is an afront to the Land Use System and the goals that are to be treated equally. Goal 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8 to just name a few will all be for not if this bill passes.

We are not opposed to solar, or transmission lines, and have them in our county. Yet a property owner should have a say in where the lines are sited and in agriculture how those lines' location will impact how they farm. This is like when the natural gas industry wanted to site their pipe lines through some of the best farm ground and their first choice was always to take the cheapest route through the farm ground in Washington County and the farmers fought back to make them be sited in the least intrusive parts of the farm when possible. You have to leave easements, and with transmission lines you can't farm under them and as we have learned they can be a fire hazard.

**Please, do not adopt HB 3681 and -1 Amendment at the very least take out the eminent domain expansion section.**

Sincerely,

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