

To: House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment  
From: Aileen Kaye  
Date: 3-25-25

**Re: "Yes" on HB 3422 (Prohibit Solar on prime farmland)**

Dear Chair Lively and Members of the [House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment](#),

I urge a "Yes" vote on HB 3422. Way too many solar facilities have ruined prime farmland in Oregon. I am extremely concerned that the last three sessions of the legislature has resulted in the soiling of our state. Water guzzling data centers, distribution centers, solar energy facilities along with their huge substations, etc, are destroying way too much farmland.

A report written a few years ago, "Death by 1000 Cuts" describes the myriad of non-farm uses being allowed on farmland. The Oregon Department of Agriculture created an excellent report a few months ago detailing Oregon's loss of farmland. As climate change heats up our earth, Oregon will need all the farmland we have left for crops!

I visited Nebraska last year. They are wasting thousands of acres of prime farmland on these huge industrial solar energy power plants. I was disgusting to see.

Please watch the film, "An Oregon Story" to remind yourselves as to what makes Oregon "Oregon". You can watch it free at [anoregonstory.com](http://anoregonstory.com)

I urge a Yes vote on HB 3422 and hope it moves out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration.