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What Oregon does not need right now is more boutique farm-based tourist destinations. This bill allows a much expanded allowance for commercial uses – uses that displace actual growing operations and acreage. What we need more than ever is a rapidly growing number of smaller-scale farms that directly contribute to Oregon's food self-sufficiency. Instead of taking productive farm acreage out of production, Oregon should be providing incentives for expanding active growing acreage.