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Hon Committee members:

This bill, like many a wolf in sheep's clothing, is designed to sneak in and destroy something. In this case the objective is to open up flat farm ground to residential development and destroy the protections for prime farm land. Oregon has made the choice to prioritize development on lands less suited for agriculture for good reasons, among which is the need to eat and for agriculture to contribute to Oregon's economy. Prime soils surround many urban areas for historical reasons and can't all be off limits for urban expansion. On the other hand, when possible we should continue directing development into areas of lower agricultural value per our existing land use goals. This bill would not just discourage that but would actually prohibit any consideration of it! Please route this bill to where it belongs, the round file.

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment.

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