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HB 4153
In Opposition

A bit of background...I owned property zoned forest land for forty-nine years and three hundred forty-five days. In 2013, I and others initiated a LUBA case (Linstromberg et al vs Lane County) to determine if proposed development on a neighbor's privately held forest land was "forest" use. We prevailed: the proposed use was not forest use and the development was denied.

Farm and forest lands must be protected as their health and preservation are essential to maintaining Oregon's policies of wise land use...protecting these critical natural resources. Once these resources are damaged or lost, they will forever be gone.

It would seem that, with a bit of ingenuity, these hoped for farm themed stores could be designed and located in non-farm and non-forest zones – possibly revitalizing appropriately zoned smaller communities. For now, you must vote no.