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Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

The small group of citizens, Friends of Polk County, has the goal of protecting farmland and forest in this county from other uses.

Our county is comprised of much rich , irreplaceable Willamette Valley farmland. We are watching as applications come in for other uses which conflict with EFU: farm stands of a commercial nature and agritourism, and other large non-farm events. This is happening right before our eyes.

The current rules help us challenge non-farm uses, but the passage of HB will 4153 unleash a flood of designations that will pull the rug out from under our current efforts.

Our intent is to keep EFU as the primary use of our local farm land. Agriculture is Oregon's #2 industry -- and we hope to keep it on that high perch.

Please vote no on HB 4153.