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Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1578

I oppose SB 1578

It would allow counties to rezone 50 acres of farm and forest land to facilitate residential sprawl outside of urban growth boundaries. It would allow developers of high end housing more inventory to build. It would also amend the definition of "area zoned for rural residential use" to include land zoned Exclusive Farm Use where a nonfarm dwelling has been sited and allow accessory dwelling units up to 2,500sqft on such lands. SB 1578 is another attempt to degrade Oregon's land use system and convert protected farmlands outside UGBs into inefficient residential sprawl. Housing for people who are not farmers belongs inside UGBs, where impacts to farm and forest land, wildlife habitat, and other natural resources are minimized, and urban services and infrastructure are nearby.