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The proposed law is an unnecessary change to laws regarding retail structures on farmland. In essence, the bill is constructed to favor large farms and allow them to build stores of nearly any sort, while disfavoring small farmers by basing store and farm stand footprints on the total size of their land. It's a bill that simply makes well-to-do large farmers wealthier while threatening to drive small farmers out of the market. In general, any change to an existing law must have benefits that justify a change, and this bill does not.