

Submitter: Sheila Dooley
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, and Committee Members,

Please oppose SB 1586.

This bill violates the promise made by the 2014 Grand Bargain (HB 4078), a “one-time-only” land use legislation, which brought 2,400 acres of prime farmland into Hillsboro’s UGB for industrial and residential development for a 50 year supply.

At the same time it protected from development the 1,700 acres of prime farmland that is the focus of SB 1586.

This bill is the 6th attempt to sacrifice these 1,700 acres of the world’s best farmland to industrial development, which will most likely include data centers.

Data centers don’t require prime farmland, farmers do.

I live in the Mosier area. Nearby The Dalles’ industrial land has been taken over by Google’s data centers, which can outbid any other potential users. Water and electricity use by the data centers has soared, making up an estimated third of all water use. At the same time Oregon just experienced the lowest snow pack on record.

Oregon’s prime resource land should not be sacrificed, especially for more data centers, when there is industrial land available within urban growth boundaries across the state.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Sheila Dooley
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