

Submitter: Shirley Wahl

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane, and members of the Committee:

My name is Shirley Wahl and I'm writing to ask that you vote against SB 1586. This bill would put ~1,700 acres of prime farmland near Hillsboro at risk of industrial development, and I am deeply opposed to doing that. I don't oppose industrial development, nor other kinds of development. This proposal, though, would destroy hundreds of acres of prime farm land in Oregon that we have been trying -- sometimes successfully -- to protect. Prime farm land is an incredibly important resource, it's in short supply, and losing this resource as proposed by SB 1586 is not justified.

I am an Oregon rancher, and am very concerned that we would lose the prime farmland proposed to be redesignated. My family just spent many years working to put our ranch under a conservation easement that permanently protects several hundred acres of important fish and wildlife habitat and agricultural production land, and I am very concerned that we would lose the prime farmland proposed to be redesignated by SB 1586. I urge you to vote no on SB 1586, and appreciate you considering my comments.

Thank you! Shirley Wahl