

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

Dear [Name],

I'm writing to express my concern about SB 1586 and the proposal to bring 1,700 acres of rural reserves into Hillsboro's Urban Growth Boundary. These lands were designated as rural reserves in 2014 with a legislative commitment to protect them from urbanization until at least 2065. They play a critical role in the health of the Tualatin River watershed.

The streams, wetlands, and riparian areas within these reserves provide flood resilience, reduce erosion, filter water, and support habitat for dozens of species. Converting this land to industrial use would mean compaction, fill, and pavement—permanently destroying wetlands and often channelizing or burying streams. Once this habitat is lost, it cannot be restored.

In the Tualatin River watershed, this loss would also contribute to warmer water temperatures, harming fish and increasing the burden on Clean Water Services to meet the legally mandated temperature standards for the river.

I urge you to oppose SB 1586 and uphold the long-standing commitment to protect these rural reserves.