

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

Dear Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue,

My name is Danielle Maillard, from Senate District 16, and I am in opposition to SB1586 because it threatens critical wetlands that are already in danger due to the immense pressure of urbanization. We have access to an abundance of science and knowledge that suggests that this exact type of initiative, to bring more acreage of rural reserves into an UGB, is detrimental to our planet and to future generations. If you are voting on this bill and there are young people in your life that you care about, I urge you to think critically about what kind of world you want them to live in. I want young people to see beavers and birds and to be fed from these lands. I want them to have access to clean water, and to know what healthy river systems can look like when people decenter humans and work with nature to create abundance.

I hope you harness the power you have today to fight for a better quality of living for people and the planet. Thank you for your work.