

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

Dear Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, and Members of the Committee,

We live on acreage that is near Sherwood and we value protecting farm lands, waterways and water shed areas, wildlife, and habitats. I strongly oppose this bill due to the threats such bill would impose on our quickly diminishing farm lands and wildlife areas.

Tualatin Riverkeepers point out that converting the rich, high-valued farm lands and wetlands, riparian areas, into industrial use would threaten and permanently destroy these precious lands and ruin watershed, groundwater, flood resilience, and water quality, and as I fear most, ruin wildlife habitat. This bill would cause increases in erosion and flooding, and produce contaminants, ruining water quality and killing salmon.

Industrial land already exists within the current urban growth boundaries, and recent UGB expansions have produced low-job and low-revenue development while using excessive amounts of water and incurring excessive energy costs.

I am opposed to data centers and the ruin these will bring to our land, environments, health and wildlife.

I concur with Tualatin Riverkeepers testimony and urge you to vote NO on SB1586.

Thank you,
Jane Bicquette