

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

To Chair Broadman, Vice Chair McLane, and members of the committee,

My name is Kristen and I am a Washington County resident, born and raised. I am the daughter of a farmer who has committed his whole life to the field of agriculture. In my four decades of life, I've watched urban sprawl creep closer and closer to the place I call home. Sometimes, this has been for the greater good, but not in the case of SB 1586. Taking land that holds such top tier soil and paving over it to make way for a data center will do nothing but harm the people of Hillsboro and Washington County. And once the farmland is gone, it is lost forever. And what for? This will not bring in new jobs; it will drive up the cost of energy and reduce water availability for the area. Hermiston allowed data centers into their home and look what it has cost them- people can no longer drink their own water out of their tap without risking cancer or miscarriage.

I am grateful for my upbringing. I've been taught how to grow food for myself, how to use the land to provide nutrition for myself and my family. The death of this skill, the death of agriculture, will leave our citizens in a worsened state. Our government needs to write bills into law that support agriculture for our state and protect those that want to pursue it. Please vote no on SB 1586.

Sincerely, Kristen Adams