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Zoning land that will eventually be used for data centers is a waste of productive farmland, loses property tax income for that land (when coupled with other legislation that gives tax breaks for developers of this land), wastes water to cool the future data systems, and drives up our already increasing electrical rates for households. We have seen how communities like Boardman, OR have suffered from drinking water pollution due to the water extraction from data centers, and how the Dalles is trying to appropriate Mt. Hood National Forest land and water rights to fuel their existing data centers. These server farms and data centers do little to add jobs to communities where they are located. I urge all of my senators and representatives to vote no on this senate bill, and any other bill/measure that is introduced to pave the way for these extractive industries in our communities.