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Committee:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB1586

SB 1586 would bring 1,700 acres of world-class farm land into Hillsboro's UGB for industrial development, even though the land is currently designated as rural reserves. This designation means this land shouldn't be touched until 2065. This land is not just "empty space" It is actively being farmed and has Class 1 & 2 soils, some of the best in the world. Many farmers who would like to purchase this land are not being offered the opportunity to buy it. Those who seek job sites for data centers have unlimited opportunities to obtain worksites in any vacant building or buyable lots. The health of the soil, water, or vitality of the land does not matter for tech jobs. There are enough vacant buildings throughout Oregon with enough space to house any data center or other industrial infrastructure. Destroying vital land that supports our farmers and feed our communities will have a devastating negative effects on our community. Not everyone's career revolves around tech, not everyone's lives depend on tech. We need food to survive, we need clean water to drink, we need to support our farmers. Tech will always have another option, our farmers won't. I strongly oppose bill SB 1586.