

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

Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Kipperlyn Sinclair. I serve as a City Councilor and am a former Planning Commissioner. I am here in my personal capacity as a Hillsboro resident and as one of more than 20 elector opposing Senate Bill 1586.

I am here to express deep concern regarding the procedural rush and the substance of Senate Bill 1586.

Effective land-use policy requires clarity, public process, and enforceable standards. SB 1586 lacks all three. It advances a permanent rezoning of 1,700 acres of prime farmland without clear definitions, meaningful public engagement, or accountability to our agricultural communities or working families. By pushing a bill of this magnitude through a three-week window, this committee is effectively locking out the public.

This bill promises large-scale job creation. Yet in the past year, Hillsboro's three major industrial technology manufacturers have laid off thousands of advanced manufacturing employees; the very family-wage jobs this proposal claims it will deliver. If existing employers are reducing their workforce, what evidence supports the assumption that similar facilities will now recreate those jobs? The bill provides no data, no binding commitments, and no guarantees.

It also fails to clearly define "manufacturing," creating broad loopholes that weaken public trust. There is no minimum jobs-per-acre requirement, no enforceable employment floor, and no requirement for comprehensive environmental impact analysis.

Meanwhile, large industrial users and data centers would place significant strain on water and energy systems, with potential costs shifted to ratepayers.

This is a generational land-use decision. It should be transparent, precise, and backed by measurable public benefit. SB 1586 is not.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose Senate Bill 1586.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kipperlyn Sinclair

Hillsboro Resident