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Once again we are looking at bills to circumvent Oregon land-use laws for the benefit of the few, likely wealthy, at the expense of present and future generations. Why does this seem to mimic the corruption that we are seeing at the national level, and verify capture of the legislature by wealthy private and corporate interests (see the Oregonian and pro-publica article titled "polluted by money" for additional explanation ? Wealthy Tec Bros do not need more land to expand their already expansive holdings, especially not on prime agricultural lands, especially not for more water and power hogging data centers, and especially not for technology that will likely be obsolete in the short run (although developers will still control the land). Existing lands for this purpose already exist, and should be utilized, especially before sacrificing prime agricultural lands, that with climate change, will become increasingly critical for food production for Oregon citizens. Who is going to pay for the costs for the necessary infrastructure? Use the resources available for these purposes first before handing more land and profit to already wealthy and profitable industries..that primarily exist to serve themselves and corrupt our governments and legal processes. Sincerely Ron Rhew