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I chose to return to the Portland Metro Area because of the managed growth. It makes me sick to drive through Sacramento Valley and see mass development and destruction of gorgeous, critical farmland. Please don't let this happen to Oregon. It is what makes us special and livable.

This is the legislature's sixth attempt to bring rural reserves into Hillsboro's UGB—despite rural reserves being protected from urbanization until at least 2065. SB 1586 would bring 1,700 acres of some of the world's best soils into Hillsboro's UGB for industrial use, specifically for advanced manufacturing and high technology development.

While SB 1586 prohibits commercial recreation facilities (like Top Golf), retail warehousing (like Amazon), and "stand alone" data centers, it still allows data centers to be accessory to other uses without regulation for size or percentage of development. This means that, if a company wanted to, they could build a data center as part of their development.