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I am in opposition of this bill because it would involve rezoning 1,700 acres of land within Metro's Urban Growth boundary. In 2014 local government in Washington County worked together to keep a large portion of land undeveloped and protected from being rezoned for 50 years. Undoing this action with the intent to develop the land not only invites the opportunity for damaging the land and surrounding ecosystems for decades to come, it also provides very little economic return for the residents of the community. Data centers are incredibly resource-intensive and costly for those who live near them, specifically by way of driving up their utility bills. This obviously does not provide value to community members.