

Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane, and members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue:

My name is Kim Cameron-Domínguez and I am a resident of NW Portland. I am writing to you today to strongly oppose SB 1586. This is an unnecessary annexation of EFU zoned land that hurts farmers, sets a bad precedent for ignoring the public process in land use matters, and disregards our high value soils in favor of enriching a few. It also ignores the available spaces that are languishing under disuse and developer tax shelters in Portland, particularly in the city center which is in desperate need of economic and social revitalization

Opposing SB 1586 is important to me because of the documented environmental destruction that huge data centers have brought to communities all over the nation (find examples via online research reports here: <https://www.ejji.org/northern-virginia-data-centers-endanger-climate-communities-and-conservation>; <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/the-us-must-balance-climate-justice-challenges-in-the-era-of-artificial-intelligence/>). Oregon already has a tainted history of environmental racism and creating frontline communities who suffer the ill-effects of structural development for development's sake. Some organization seeking to correct this precedence are Albina Vision Trust (<https://albinavision.org/>) and Oregon Just Transition Alliance (<https://www.ojta.org/>). Given the active resistance to SB 1586 by farmers who produce Oregon's produce, meats and wines--all of which are locally and nationally revered--why would the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue even consider replacing the agricultural lands and production with an industry known to extract and deplete?

This is a particularly important issue for me because SB 1586 contains little provisions regarding the benefit to Oregonians or the communities around the data centers. Data centers offer little job opportunity. Tech companies are offered huge subsidies to build. Profits go to corporate stakeholders. Where is the value in any of that for Oregonians?

Oregon has a thriving community food system because our land use laws protect EFU land close to our urban centers. Without this land, small farmers would not be able to make all the CSAs, farmers markets, and farm stands that Oregonian's love possible. SB 1586 is not necessary. Do not sacrifice this agricultural land for a vague promise of tech investment. Do not set a precedent of ignoring community input and public process. Do not support SB 1586.

Thank you,

Kim Cameron-Domínguez