

Chair Broadman, Co-chair McLain, and committee members,
My name is Denise Caire, I grew up in Aloha (from 1956), and have lived in Hillsboro for 40 years. I appreciate you taking the time to listen to me.

I have this to say on SB 1586. Follow our gold-standard Land Use Goals instead of skirting around them.
PUT SB 1586 ON THE NEXT BALLOT AND LET WE OREGONIANS HAVE A SAY.



Senator Sollman called SB 1586 a “Unicorn” in her opening.

There’s one problem. I find “the unicorn,” like this bill, is **Intel’s pipe dream**.

The previous CEO of Intel, Pat Gelsinger, is quoted as saying before the 5,000-employee layoffs of 2025:

“I would be reticent to constrain my dreams for how big Intel might be in the future.” Intel wants these 1,700 acres.

SB 1586 seeks to circumvent Oregon’s Land Use Goals, one bill of many. This debate is over 15 years long. Why? Can you address the most common denominator, the root cause? Then all the wrestling and wrangling these bills around the Land Use Goals won’t be necessary, less work and time. Fix the Land Use Goals, if need be, and stop dreaming up ways to circumvent them.

SB 1586 is the tip of the ice berg, the “camel getting it’s nose under the tent.” If approved, it will fragment the farming system in Washington county of our second biggest industry, Agriculture, to “bleed out” and die. Washington county has already lost 50% of its farmland in the last 25 years, and this is CLASS 1 soil.

Agriculture will never be passé. These 1,700 acres have been farmed and productive for **over 200 years**. Everyone needs to eat. If one looks at history, the great local Tektronix, founded in 1946, employed over **25,000** people in 1982, more than worked for the government. By 2025, **after 80 years**, they currently employ 3,000. **The Industry and Market changed. The WORLD changed.** Still, people must eat, right?

Agriculture will never be replaced by “the Next New Thing,” like horses and cars, landlines and cell phones.

HB 4078, the Grand Bargain, was sanctioned for 50 years, through 2065. Farmers and agriculturists, always looking forward, spent BIG DOLLARS to invest for 50 years in equipment, structures, schedules and more.

Think not just of today or tomorrow, but consider generations into the future. Let the businesses who will benefit play by the current Land Use Goals. These goals have kept Oregon beautiful, unique, balanced, and awesome for over 50 years. The Land Use Goals can do the same for the next 50 or 100 years or forever.

If SB 1586 passes, there will be “future changes” that will break the promises in this bill, like no data farms, if history serves well. That’s how the “pro-CHIPS club” works. Pass a “placeholder” plan and revise it after approved. Look at Brynne Hill as planned and as built in North Plains. The stark difference is night and day.

What about livability? Are there Impact studies? Health? Who’s going to pay for constructing infrastructure?

Specifically, to the 1,700 acres, Intel has had enough tax breaks for 50 years to get established. It’s time that they paid all their taxes, no more special breaks. Let them pay their taxes to support our economy instead of putting the burden back on we, the public tax payers. I implore you to **VOTE NO.** Thank you, Denise Caire