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I am writing to oppose the bill which is going to displace so many lives who have called Oregon home with their farm lands. There is not a sound reason for this bill to bring in any more jobs. Oregon has a problem with retaining jobs due to various reasons which has nothing to do with farmlands. Data Centers do not create jobs. There is only one Semiconductor manufacturing company in USA and that is Intel. Intel has been scaling down their over achieving factory commitment in Ohio, Arizona and other expansion process has been deemed excessive for the company currently and in the future. Writing off these land in anticipation of a manufacturing expansion seems like a money grab attempt for building data centers and warehouses. Oregon is becoming the new California pushing everyone to leave the State. Many companies leave due to their excessive tax burden by the state rather than any other reason. There are plenty of already developed industrial areas that can be changed into manufacturing units if need arises.

There is also no clear indication from any semiconductor manufacturing and industrial groups pledging investment in Oregon before Oregon giving away its farm land. The only possible reason is there is already something decided with the data center groups. Despite all this, there has been an increase in energy bills and other utilities in Oregon which really doesn't make sense and seem to have happened this past couple of years. The energy used by datacenters are being silently passed onto its citizens. Leaders of Oregon have lost sight of what they need to do to retain business and betraying people who have been contributing to the society. Please reconsider this bill and think of better ways and consult with people in industry rather than championing a bill by people who have not done their homework on the loss of such beautiful farmlands. There could be more expansion in Salem and other southern areas rather than here.