

House Committee on Land Use: Oppose House Bill 2255

This bill is written to provide ways in which cities can urbanize farm land for speculative industrial development through the creation of “industrial reserves,” and is flawed in the following ways:

1. Section 2 of the Bill authorizes LCDC to adopt rules allowing cities to designate land for “industrial reserves” outside their current urban growth boundaries (UGBs) based on a forecast of industrial land need for 25 years from the date the industrial reserve evaluation is commenced. The current law establishes a priority of lands for urban reserves, in which partially developed lands are designated first and farm and forests lands last. There is no need to put ag land, which is a large and critical economic sector in many parts of the State, especially the Willamette Valley, in this vulnerable position.
2. The premise underlying industrial reserves is flawed – that more raw land at the edge of urban areas will grow jobs by attracting new, large employers. It ignores the far more important elements of job growth – serviced land, a work force with appropriate education, financial incentives, and the fact that the overwhelming number of new jobs in Oregon and nationally come from smaller and existing businesses.
3. This Bill would also perpetuate the focus on development at the edge of urban areas, contrary to the state’s goals to reduce greenhouse gases from the transportation sector. Oregon should be growing jobs close-in, where people already live and where transit is often available.
4. Finally, the current urban reserve law is not an impediment for cities that show a need to designate urban reserves on farm land. HB 2255 will simply make it easier to designate farm land as an industrial reserve, and then bring that land into a UGB allegedly for industrial use, and then convert the land to another use if the political and financial pressure is great enough. It will lead to the unnecessary and expensive extension of urban infrastructure and the skipping over of existing urban lands for those that are outside the UGB and therefore cheaper.

Agricultural land in Oregon, and specifically within the Willamette Valley, is a valuable resource that must be protected for agricultural production, not subject to speculative development.

Here's why I signed:

The current law works just fine. We don't need to change it to benefit developers!

Sincerely,
Ben Williams

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Sincerely,
Sarah Deumling Rickreall, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Cities do not need to "urbanize farm land" What are the people going to do when they run out of food--blame the farmer because he had his farm land taken over by industry??

Sincerely,
Marion Minar
Aurora, Oregon

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Sincerely,
sid friedman Yamhill, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Farming is as old as the earth itself, and. It is a necessity for sustaining the earth's population.
Gloria Bennett

Sincerely,
Jerry & Gloria Bennett
Dallas, Oregon

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Sincerely,

Marion Minar
Aurora, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Protect French Prairie!

Sincerely,
Dana Illo
Vashon, Washington

Here's why I signed:

Because this Bill overrides years of thoughtful and methodical land use planning in Oregon, which carefully avoids uncontrolled urban sprawl and destruction of farmland. Its a developer's dream come true. Please reject it.

Sincerely,
Tony Holt
Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

We have worked hard to protect this property.

Sincerely,
Paul Schwindt
Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Robert Cole Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

We moved to Charbonneau for the quality of life. This bill would ruin that with allowing industrial developement.

Sincerely,
Suzanne W Sanford
Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Jane Teunon Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Do not overthrow thought out planning. Retaining viable farm land is critical to Oregon's future

Sincerely,
Arnold Bruce Olson
Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
James Waddell Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Coleen Larson wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Protect house values in surrounding areas.

Sincerely,
Sallie Paulson
Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

it destroys the all the effort to make Oregon a great place to live. people have been plotting for years to do this. Wonder who that could be and why?

Sincerely,
Lawrence Hanlon
Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Austin Hockett Saint Paul, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Susan Waddell Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Richard van Pelt Salem, Oregon

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Sincerely,
KRIS FULTON WILSONVILLE, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Cary Breshears-Bean St. Paul, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Concerned Citizen New City, New York

Here's why I signed:

You know what is ironic about this bill? For 40 years Southern, Central, and Easter Oregon have complained that they are not "like" the Willamette Valley and what works in the Valley doesn't work for them. So, they have a demonstration project in Central Oregon that "works" and now they want to apply the concept to us.

Sincerely,
Richard van Pelt
Salem, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

This would unwise careful planning in the past and should not be passed in haste.

Sincerely,
LeRoy Zinsli
Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

We cannot afford to pave over or build over more farmland in Oregon. PLEASE vote no on this bill.

Sincerely,
Dick & Mary Lundy
Sherwood, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Kristine Merritt Sherwood, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Stephen Baker Sherwood, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

This bill will allow cities to work with their county to remove farm land for industrial usage that may or may not actually happen. They will of course (with Eco. Dev. numbers) quote job numbers which are (with few exceptions) always overstated. We should not be taking away farm lands and jobs for potential jobs. Remember, when you take away farm lands, you take away jobs!

Sincerely,
Dennis Maas
Aurora, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Roger Kaye Turner, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Looks like an end run by special interests after years of thoughtful planning by knowledgeable persons

Sincerely,
Tony Davey
Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

We put ten years of effort into developing the current plan. Keep it!

Sincerely,
Charles Patterson
Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Let's revitalize our current industrial and commercial properties. Farm and forest lands need to be protected for their designated usage. Don't gamble away our agricultural lands when our urban properties are so underdeveloped and losing vitality. It would be an undoable tragedy to lose our valuable farmlands.

Sincerely,
Andrea Stoddard
Beavercreek, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Peter Swan Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Jerry Tillery Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Along with my sisters, I own land in the French Prairie. Our family has lived and farmed in Marion and Yamhill Counties since 1850.

Sincerely,
Gretchen Brown
Gresham, Oregon

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Sincerely,
clark rhudy wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Farm land to to precious and valuable just for urban growth.

Sincerely,
Jeff Buyserie
Salem, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

One of the treasures of Oregon is its land use laws that protect our valuable farm lands and establish urban growth boundaries that are carefully determined by our citizens and local governments. I urge you to reject the House Bill 2255 that would do an end-run around our long established land use laws. This appears to be a land grab by special interests.

Sincerely,
Kathleen Miller
Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Elaine Junta Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Dennis Krieske Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Robert Graham Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Preserve precious farm land. If this good land is developed, where will our food come from???

Sincerely,
Ann Keddie
Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

I have lived Saint Paul farm area a;; my life. Also worked in Agricultural industry for years. My father also was a farmer

Sincerely,
Mary Jo Smith
Saint Paul, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

This Bill negates years of thoughtful and detailed land use planning in Oregon. It is a developer's dream come true. Please reject it.

Sincerely,
Richard Miller
Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Clarence Spink Eugene, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Passage of this would likely run a lot of good and productive farmers I know personally right off the map.

Sincerely,
Joseph Snyder
Portland, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Any industrial encroachment on rural lands is unnecessary and ominous

Sincerely,
Jack & Sue Stowell
Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

We need to protect the French Parie farm land. What little is left.

Sincerely,
Ayland Ottinger
Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Ronald Leeper Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Laura Saxon morriston, Florida

Here's why I signed:

another attempt to weaken the land use laws in the state which has had decent success in partially protecting farm and forest land.

Sincerely,
David Engen
Salem, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Michelle Morfeld St. Paul, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

I am very, very concerned about the failure of our land use policies to protect land for food supplies and healthy vegetation that supports the wild insects, animals, birds that are so important to our human population. Visit where I have in Africa where land use has been taken over for extreme greed to rape the land for mining for profit to provide wealth for greedy corporations, which are meant to protect the individuals that operate the corporations for private benefit.

Sincerely,
Bettirae Willis
Lake Oswego, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Creation of UGB boundaries follow a lengthy and public process resulting in orderly growth. HB 2255 ignores this process resulting in potential urbanization of important agricultural and forest lands.

Sincerely,
Carol Zinsli
Wilsonville, Oregon

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Carol Zinsli Wilsonville, Oregon
shirlee and terry valo wilsonville, Oregon

JoAnna Sawyer Wilsonville, Oregon
Beth Wells St Paul, Oregon
Brian Hines Salem, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Another way for developers and government to take precious land.

Sincerely,
Daniel Mullen
Saint Paul, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

For ten years I have expended a lot of time and energy defending farm land from those who would build industrial properties, - building on and paving over the best farmland in the world!

Sincerely,
Karolyn Muldrow
Wilsonville, Oregon

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Sincerely,

narinee keni aiea, Hawaii
Robert Bowden Wilsonville, Oregon
Daniel Mullen Saint Paul, Oregon
Karolyn Muldrow Wilsonville, Oregon
Don and Rose Mason Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

My family has lived in St. Paul for 3 generations farming and providing needed agricultural products to the area which is a business already. All land is in production already bringing capital to the area.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth McCarthy

Saint Paul, Oregon

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Sincerely,

Judy Miller Wilsonville, Oregon
Michael Kramer Middlefield, Ohio
Carol Sims Wilsonville , Oregon

Here's why I signed:

This bill would overturn the work of many who supported the preservation of farms and open spaces. Our farmers contribute huge taxes to our community while maintaining the natural beauty of our land.

Sincerely,
Ruth Johnson
Wilsonville, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Prime farm land - French Prairie Need to protect for growing food. No industrial should be allowed. Against destroying any productive land for growing needed food crops.

Sincerely,
Wm D Wettstein
Aurora, Oregon

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Sincerely,

71. Wm D Wettstein Aurora, Oregon
72. James Gibbons Wilsonville, Oregon
73. Ian MacMillan Wilsonville, Oregon
74. Betty Lou Rogers Wllsonville, Oregon
75. Susan Kingzett West Linn, Oregon

Here's why I signed:

Save prime farm&heritage lands

Sincerely,
Arlo Amundson
Wilsonville, Oregon
