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Re HB 3214– legislation to modify exception process for agricultural and farm land

Chair Clem and members of the committee:

Central Oregon LandWatch shares concerns expressed by 1000 Friends of Oregon that this bill is so broadly written that it could have numerous unintended consequences that would negatively impact farm and forest zones. The Department of Land Conservation and Development has identified several scenarios that might arise if this bill were passed.

In short, it is unclear what problem this bill is attempting to address, and the bill itself would likely result in unforeseen new problems.

For these reasons, Central Oregon LandWatch opposes HB 3214.

Respectfully submitted,

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