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House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water
State Capitol
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Re HB 3368: legislation to remove protections for farming and forestry

Chair Clem and members of the committee:

As stated by the Department of Land Conservation and Development in testimony submitted on March 24th, 2015, "the proposed bill would open up EFU and forest zones across the state to a wide range of permanent outdoor commercial uses and activities that are not currently authorized in those zones."

Central Oregon LandWatch is concerned that this bill could result in a proliferation of new commercial activities in EFU and forest zones that are incompatible with farming and forestry. The addition of new commercial activities in EFU land will negatively impact agriculture and result in more land being taken out of farm use.

For these reasons, Central Oregon LandWatch opposes HB 3368.

Respectfully submitted,

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