

Senate Environment and Natural Resources:

SB 716 is a bad idea. Documentation shows that the Metro area has more than enough large lot industrial sites. SB 716 will open valuable farm land to urban sprawl, not large industry. Hillsboro and Washington County's large parcel industrial sites have allowed commercial, retail, government offices, etc., as far back as the 1980's. If they receive more inventory, there will be more pressure to develop sites with sprawl rather than wait for a large industrial use to materialize.

Farming is an industry - do not destroy it with this bill. Oregon has the most productive farm land in the world at a time when local produce is at a premium.

We have a workable system in place and do not need SB 716's interference with our accepted and respected land use process.

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