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Dear Senator Dembrow and Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

Please do not support SB 186 for the reasons outlined below:

- Multnomah County and Metro had an extensive process with public involvement that led to the current reserves designations. Decisions were based on a broad set of factors and data. This process should be respected, and these decisions should not be changed.
- This change in Multnomah County has the potential to create a new “Area 93” – an urban area with no city or county capable of providing urban services to the area. That was an important reason for this area to not be not designated Urban Reserve by the county in the first place.
- Local land use decisions like urban and rural reserve designations should be made by local governments who know the local situation, not by the state legislature. If the local governments need help from the state, they will ask for assistance. If the legislature feels the need to intervene, they should only adopt Reserves related bills that are supported by Metro and the three counties affected.
- A core premise of the Reserves process was that Reserves would provide long term certainty allowing urban infrastructure to be accurately and efficiently planned and to provide similar certainty for farmers, foresters, and natural resource agencies about what areas would remain rural so they can also plan their investments. Having bills in the legislature every year or two that would change Reserves designations severely undermines this certainty. Citizens who participated in the original process and who were promised 50 years of certainty will not trust a process like this again if the agreed upon commitments are not respected.
- While my comments are directed primarily toward actions in Multnomah County, the whole bill is bad and should be killed.

Thank you for you service in the Senate and your efforts to provide for State citizens. ‘

Sincerely,

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