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Dear Chair Clem and Members of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee:

I write in strong opposition to HB 4075, which would change the designation of certain lands in Washington County from rural reserve to urban reserve.

When the Oregon Legislature passed legislation in 2014 that designated urban and rural reserves in Washington County, both the County and the City of Hillsboro participated in the process and agreed to those designations. Now, however, the City of Hillsboro is requesting changes to those legal designations, requesting that the changes be made immediately – and with little public notice.

This is not acting in good faith.

The City of Hillsboro has not provided information to the public as to why these changes are needed. Neither has the City of Hillsboro provided information as to why these changes constitute an emergency, making them effective immediately.

In addition, I question the authority of the Legislature to grant changes to Washington County's adopted land use plans without the participation and consent of Metro, Washington, Clackamas, and Washington County.

These are troubling questions that appear to usurp Oregon's Land Use Planning process. If the City of Hillsboro requests changes to Washington County's land use designation, the City needs to go through the established land use process, rather than rush an unexamined bill through the Legislature during a short session.

I urge you to vote No on HB 4075.

Sincerely,

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