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Helping to shape the use of our natural resources to protect the quality of life in Yamhill County.

House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources
State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97901

RE: HB 4031

Chair Clem and members of the Committee:

Friends of Yamhill County works to protect natural resources through the implementation of land use planning goals, policies, and laws that maintain and improve the present and future quality of life in Yamhill County for both urban and rural residents. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced bill.

We are concerned that the “related to” clause is so broad and opens the possibility of amendments that will undermine the Oregon land use process. What may be intended as a remedy for a single unique situation can end up having wide ranging consequences.

There is also the risk of attempts to “super site” uses through exemptions or transfers. Or in the case of the Metolius development an agreement that had certain timelines and parameters is expanded and extended repeatedly.

We ask that the Committee remove Section (1) Subsection (7) of the bill as introduced. Please carefully review and edit the language to avert future problems.

Sincerely,

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