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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
State Capitol  
900 Court St. NE  
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### Opposed HB 3024 Replacement Dwellings in EFU

Dear Chairman Dembrow and Committee Members,

Jefferson County Farm Bureau held our May meeting and it was after the public hearing. The board is opposed to this bill for many reasons: (1) Oregon Farm Bureau has clear policy to oppose this bill: Replacement Dwellings 3.545 on page 28. This policy has been in place for 19 years and was last updated ten years ago.

1 When an existing dwelling in an EFU zone is removed, the owner of  
2 the parcel should be eligible for a replacement dwelling permit without an  
3 expiration date.  
4 The holder of this permit should be allowed to replace the dwelling at  
5 their discretion without meeting additional land use criteria. A lawfully  
6 established dwelling should be defined simply as an existing building with  
7 evidence that it was a lawful dwelling intended as a dwelling at the time of  
8 its construction so long as property taxes for the dwelling are paid current.  
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(2) the bill would be undoing what the Oregon Supreme Court has just clarified with their decision on the use of property taxes for getting a replacement dwelling permit and (3) This appears to be a bill for the King Family and Lori Boshart to undo the clarification from the Oregon Supreme Court.

This is a bad precedent to set for the legislature to undo the Oregon Supreme Court **instead of allowing the decision to stand and work.**

You could put a work group together to study this issue. But we encourage you to just vote no on this bill that wants to undermine a system that is working in the EFU zone.

Sincerely,

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