

Senate Rules Committee,

Please vote NO on Senate Bill 1050. This is a horrible idea. As a first generation rancher in Wallowa County I have watched many farm and range parcels fall to partitioning and development with housing for recreational and second home owners. This is causing fracturing of the community and the agricultural economy and making it even harder for families like ours to get a start in agriculture. I've been waiting for the day when the ten year deadline would pass and we could see the end of this horrible and disruptive practice. Now that deadline is proposed to be eliminated. This is not only sneaky as far as timing, but violates public trust. Don't let this bill go forward!

Remember:

- Thus far the legislature has been consistent about not changing the terms of the voter approved Measure 49. This bill would be counter to the past resolve of the legislature to not make such changes.
- This bill would violate the trust of the voters, who passed Measure 49--including this provision--by large margins across the state.
- Making a major change such as this with little notice and next to no opportunity for public input is inappropriate.
- This bill is bad for Oregon's farmers and foresters, because it opens up the possibility of more non-farm and non-forest related dwellings being developed next to them and adds uncertainty about the conflicts that those uses will bring.

Thank you for stopping this bill and protecting farmland and the next generation of agriculture and rural communities.

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