



TESTIMONY

Senate Rules Committee

June 12, 2019

Testimony on SB 1050

Chair Burdick and Members of the Committee:

Oregon Farm Bureau (OFB) is writing to express our concerns about SB 1050. When Measure 49 was passed, it represented a very careful compromise between landowners who were concerned about lost development opportunities on their land and advocates for land use planning who were concerned about unintended spillover impacts for additional development on resource lands. Disrupting this carefully crafted balance is likely to have unintended consequences. Specifically, removing the 10-year limitation on subdivision and building on land after they are transferred from their original owner would be likely to lead to speculation on Measure 49 claims and additional development on resource lands. Specifically, siting new homes on farmland often leads to significant conflict with neighboring farmers around dust, noise, hours of operation, tractors on roadways and other farming practices common on farmland. We believe SB 1050 could exacerbate these concerns.

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