Senate Committee on Housing and Development,

Thank you for the opportunity to present my opposition to SB1555. I am a rancher in the Lookingglass Valley of Douglas County, where I raise cattle, grass hay, and timber. My neighbors include wine grape growers, blueberry growers, and more recently hemp.

I am opposed to SB1555 as it would allow a parsonage dwelling on exclusive farm use land. It creates a huge loop hole to circumvent already existing land use law. Also it could create a conflict between area farmers, ranchers and the parsonage. A parsonage can already be sited in a nonfarm dwelling or the religious entity can apply for an exemption to Statewide Planning Goal 3. For this reason alone I feel that SB1555 is not necessary.

I ask you to not move SB1555 forward.

Thank you for your time.

Rick Epp.