

Submitter: Eric Hoem
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Semiconductors
Measure: SB4

Dear Legislator,

As an Oregon resident for over 60 years and one who is very proud of our far-sighted Land Use Planning laws and processes, I am writing to express my strong objection to Sections 10 and 11 of Senate Bill 4.

Allowing Oregon's governor to bring multiple exclusive farm use sites into a UGB by executive order sets a dangerous precedent and erodes the strength of local communities to control their land use priorities. Such unilateral action overlooks existing industrially zoned sites inside UGBs that cities have already designated and incorporated into the economic development strategies of local governments.

This is why The City of Wilsonville testified in strong opposition on Monday, February 27th, saying that Wilsonville should be removed as a city listed for possible supersiting by the Governor in SB 4, Section 10.

As a resident of Wilsonville I completely endorse my city's objection.

The fact is that in our area section 10 and 11 would enable one-time windfall profits to a few investment-oriented landowners in the French Prairie area of arguably some of the very best agricultural lands in the valley.

I urge you to remove Sections 10 and 11. Propose a Senate Bill 4 that does not erode our unique land use laws and processes.

Respectfully,
Eric Hoem
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