

RE:
SB1087
Senate Committee on Rules

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To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived on and own additional acreage of farm and forest property near Carlton for 32 years. Over those years, we have seen hundreds of acres of farmland destroyed by development of inappropriate structures and businesses on land that was supposed to support agriculture, and agriculture only.

The owners of farmland receive exceedingly generous property tax considerations. Farmers pay next to nothing in property taxes with the understanding that their right to develop that land is somewhat curtailed.

Now, property owners are begging to make money by developing businesses on their property that have been explicitly prohibited over the years. Developers and businesses want nothing more than to make a buck on land that was excluded from commercial development.

SB1087 does not contribute to the strength of Oregon's legendary land-use system, but instead begins the slide down the slippery slope that will ultimately destroy the enormous economic benefit to the state provided by agriculture.

LCDC provides a way for farmers to have farm stands on their properties, giving the farmers additional income from their agricultural pursuits.

The LCDC provisions only require that income from farm stands or other similar businesses be subordinate to income from actual farming.

SB1087 will weaken and destroy what Oregon has worked so hard to protect.

I urge you to vote NO on SB1087.

Respectfully,

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