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On Behalf Of: Portland Raging Grannies
Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4153

I'm writing in opposition to this bill which would allow commercial nonfarm activities as a primary use on farmland. It also incentivises nonfarm commercial development on less expensive, lower taxed farmland; taking advantage of those tax breaks at the expense of other taxpayers. The commercial development impacts on neighboring farms needs to be evaluated and mitigated.

I support farmer-owned and operated stores, restaurants, and event venues inside our cities and small towns with direct sales for farmers under existing farm stand provisions. Farming, small scale, family and organic, requires farming to remain the predominant use on these properties.

Thank you Joana