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You may hear from many well-intentioned supporters of Tooaz Farm in support of this bill.

I also support topaz farm and all the good things they do. But they are not under threat, and in fact are not even zoned EFU.

This bill needs better safeguards from people exploiting vaguely phrased terms in order to convert our extremely valuable and scarce farm and forest land for soft tourism commerce. If more flexibility is needed to support primary agricultural or forestry uses to sell their products, fine. But don't throw wide the doors to sprawl (tourism attracts support services, so the next batch of bills would chomp a little bit more on our land use protections to accommodate that).

This is not a subject to tackle in a short session. Send it back