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Senate Committee on Housing and Development
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St., NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Please vote "NO" on SB 1522 -1 - Requires the Housing and Community Services Department to study housing. Directs the department to submit findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to housing no later than September 15, 2027. Sunsets on January 2, 2028.

Dear Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Friends of Marion County is an independent 501(c)(3) farmland protection organization founded in 1998. Our mission is to protect farm and forestland, parks, and open space in Marion County.

Please oppose and remove SB 1522-1 from consideration by the 2026 Legislature.

1)

SB 1522-1 removes one of the key pillars of Oregon's land use system. Currently a balance between accommodating urban uses and protecting rural productive farm and forest lands is the goal of our UGB system. This bill ends that balance by favoring sprawling urban areas.

2)

SB 1522-1 removes the critical part provided by SB 100 which protects farm and forest lands from encroaching residential and commercial uses.

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3)

SB 1522-1 reverses DLCD's 2025 rule adoption of their Housing Needs Analysis.

4)

SB 1522-1 is complex and controversial and should not move forward in the short session.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Roger Kaye, Pres.

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