



February 10, 2026

To: Senate Committee on Housing and Development

From: Oregon Association of Conservation Districts (OACD)

RE: SB 1564

Chair Pham and Committee Members:

OACD represents the 45 Soil and Water Conservation Districts statewide, which are special districts with elected boards. The Districts protect and enhance soil and water quality and habitat through voluntary conservation in partnership with rural and urban landowners and managers. The Districts both provide technical assistance and are project implementers. They help landowners translate their conservation goals into practices and projects.

OACD opposes SB 1564 which would expand the urban growth boundary for the City of Woodburn through the legislative process rather than existing law, allowing siting of non-resource development on agriculture lands protected under Goal 3 of our land use laws. Once agricultural ground is removed for development, it cannot be replaced for future production of food and farm products. Protection of farm and forest lands allows the maintenance of the land base upon which our natural resource-based industries and conservation efforts rely. The long-standing protective goals from Oregon's historic land use act of 1973 need to be maintained.

We urge your no vote on SB 1564.

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to be "A. Kreiner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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