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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586  
Subject: Please Vote NO on SB 1586

Please do the right thing for our beautiful state and vote NO on SB 1586.

Giving away some of the richest Class 1 soils in the world is not in the best interest of future generations. Paving over 1,700 acres of productive farmland will not solve Washington County's or Oregon's budget challenges—especially those caused by years of fiscal mismanagement.

Please consider how many of your constituents are opposed to this bill compared to those who support it. Many Oregonians feel unheard and frustrated that government officials at every level are not listening to the voices of the very voters and taxpayers they represent.

I moved here from California many years ago to escape the unchecked growth of tech-heavy industries and rapid urbanization. It is deeply concerning to see similar patterns emerging here in Oregon. What makes this state special—its farmland, fisheries, timber industry, and agricultural heritage—must be preserved.

We do not need more data centers and tech expansion at the expense of irreplaceable farmland. We do need to protect our farmers, our natural resources, and the livelihoods that depend on them.

Please stand up for Oregon's future and vote NO on SB 1586.

Thank you for your time and consideration.