

Submitter: Jim Long  
On Behalf Of: Committee for Community Involvement  
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

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Regarding: Unanimous opposition to SB 1586  
Before Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

Dear Chair Broadman, Vice-Chair McLane, and members of the committee:

Last Tuesday our local Committee for Citizen Involvement (CCI) consisting of leaders of Community Participation Organizations (CPOs) in Washington County voted unanimously to oppose this legislative bill, SB 1586.

Land use laws and goals were established to protect farm and forest lands for future generations of Oregonians. Once farmland is paved over, neither residents nor wildlife can get it back. Farmland is important to local wildlife species and to bird species migrating along the Pacific Flyway.

Over 50 years ago Governor Tom McCall said, "We need to protect this thing called Oregon." There are thousands of acres of vacant land available within urban growth boundaries in other parts of the metro area and Oregon.

Past legislative attempts to develop this acreage have failed many times due to public protests. And again, there is significant testimony submitted showing many more reasons for opposing this bill. Please listen to testimony from Oregonians.

What's the rush in this short session? Please withdraw this bill.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Significant Natural Resources – Land Use Committee  
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