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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Chair Broadman, Co-Chair McLane,
and committee members Anderson, Patterson, and Taylor

RE: SB 1586 Testimony

My name is Blaine Ackley. I have lived in Hillsboro, Oregon for the past 36 years and I come before you today to oppose SB 1586 because it has too many problematic issues to let it move forward.

- 1) Where is the demand for this bill? To date we have no corporations who have publicly expressed an interest.
- 2) The bill takes away local control from Washington County, Metro, and the nearby cities. And as of today, neither the City of Hillsboro, Washington County nor Metro have passed any resolutions in favor of this bill.
- 3) No public hearings have been held in Hillsboro about this proposal, nor has there been any local public discussion about the bill.
- 4) It took months for all the interested parties to reach a compromise agreement that was validated by legislative action and not mandated from the state. This 2014 compromise was supposed to be good for 50 years yet just 12 years later proponents seek to overrule this landmark agreement.
- 5) Also, now that the federal government has now ruled that data centers are manufacturing facilities, this bill would open the way for more data centers no matter what the proponents would have you believe.
- 6) Data centers use our water and electricity for their own profit and because we give them tax incentives to do this, taxpayers must pay the bill.
- 7) There needs to be a lot more discussion before anything like this sees the light of day. In my opinion it would be best to put off this proposal until the 2027 legislature when local people and governments have had time to discuss the issue.
- 8) Finally, I note that nearly 90% of the public comments about this proposal have been opposed to it so there is no great public demand for the passage of the bill in such a short period of time.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.