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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Finance and Revenue  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Dear Senate Committee,

As a longtime resident of the Portland metro area as well as an avid runner, birder and concerned citizen with family friends who live in Hillsboro (including a son with severe asthma), I am deeply troubled by the environmental impact that this bill would usher in as well as the haste and lack of consensus from local residents that have been built around.

I've called Oregon home for nearly fifteen years with pride in our pristine natural environment and first-rate ecosystem services making our natives, hunters, fishers, farmers and other multigenerational families / communities rich in ways that no amount of corporate money can replace. We are the envy of many parts of the world, as evidenced by repeated attempts by companies like Nestle trying to gain access to cascade locks water behind closed doors, which myself and the public saw the fallacies of. This bill similarly would override established local land rights and forfeit irreplaceable prime farmland for some short term job growth (which are projected to be predominantly lower wage for locals) and tax breaks for large corporations that need it least in our already-lopsided economy.

I thus implore you to reconsider this bill or at the very least delaying it until it is made more transparent for the community to give informed consent.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Jonathan Straus