



Ag For Oregon working to keep “OREGON Oregon”

Supporting preservation of Oregon’s critical land base for now and future generations.

OPPOSE SB 1522 as amended in celebration of Oregon’s 167 birthday!

February 12, 2026

Chair Pham
Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Dear Chair Pham and Committee Members,

Ag For Oregon was founded by farmers soon after SB100 was passed to be a voice for agriculture and forest lands to preserve Oregon’s foundation lands.

Over the last 50 years every legislative session it seems that a lot of bad bills, in our opinion, are introduced or passed that keep weakening the protections of Goal 3 for the foundation lands that are needed for the 2nd largest economic engine in Oregon (agriculture) to continue to operate.

The original bill we would support. We cannot support either amendment.

It seems that the cities always want more land and don’t want to follow the system in place for urban reserves that follows planning to allow cities to grow, yet protect the agricultural lands. You have received at the time of this writing 143 letters entered into the record and 142 of those oppose the amendment. Only one supports the amendment. In reading the letters submitted there is strong support to protect the agricultural lands and continue to use the system in place when cities want to identify urban reserves.

Please do not allow SB 1522 as amended to move out of this committee. We support you moving the base bill that the committee introduced as a committee bill. **We believe that the short session focus needs to deal with back filling the budget, transportation and services for those in need.**

Sincerely,

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