

Submitter: Bryant Robey

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Chair Pham and Committee Members,

I'm writing to oppose SB 1522-1.

Oregon's unique land use planning system is central to Oregon's quality of life. When communities need to expand their Urban Growth Boundaries and Urban Reserves, they must consider a number of factors, including balancing efficient development and urbanization with preserving farm and forest lands. SB 1522 -1 would completely remove this fundamental component of Oregon's growth planning process by allowing cities to take a shortcut and approve development on undeveloped farm and forest land. It would also allow cities to pass over other lands that are already zoned to become part of the city.

Please reject this bad bill.