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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Dear Chair Pham and Committee Members,

Please oppose SB 1522-1 amendment.

This bill is very detrimental to Oregon's resource lands. Currently when designating urban reserves, farm and forest lands are to be looked at last, if at all. This bill prohibits any considerations for avoiding resource lands, such as soil types or existing land uses (including farming).

This bill removes the long standing protections for productive farm and forest lands. It would result in sprawl and the unnecessary loss of these needed resource lands. It would be destroying what makes Oregon unique when compared to other states.

Urban expansion should be on lands planned and zoned for residential or commercial use, not our limited farm and forest lands.

This bill also upends DLCD's work and recently adopted rules implementing the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis.

Please do not move this bill forward.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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