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This bill would destroy agriculture and forestry in Hood River County. It is designed for developers, enabling them to buy farm and forest land, stop producing food and timber for a few years, whack the land up into parcels of just under one acre, then build single-family view houses. Those houses would be the antithesis of affordable. There is a one-acre parcel of vacant EFU land a quarter-mile from my Hood River home that is currently listed for sale at \$525,000. For affordable housing, please see the options that 1000 Friends of Oregon and many others are advocating for, not this thinly-disguised land grab.

The bill would allow Hood River's farm and forest land to be paved over without any of the safeguards contained in the carefully crafted and nurtured land use system that has made Oregon special. It is a devastating proposal, and I urge you to stop it.