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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Dear Senator Pham and Committee Members

I oppose this bill on two grounds:

1. It removes a primary tenant of making prudent decisions on farmland conversion to intense permanent urbanization.

2. The short session is not the venue for big permanent changes in land use.

Because this seemingly brief amendment SB1521 will have profound long term impacts which are ill suited in the short session.

I am an 80 year old native fifth generation Oregonian. I am a strong supporter of Oregon's land use planning program. From experience across the business and natural resources aspects, I'm very aware of the subtle sneaker bills like this which erode the intent of our land use planning system.

I urge you to not move this bill out of Committee.

Tom Bowerman