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SB 1578 is unnecessary because Oregon already has an effective, time-tested process for urban development. The current law includes multiple pathways for housing on farm, ranch and forest lands, including housing for families and workers. Increased development on a spot-basis outside urban growth boundaries will raise land values, making it less affordable for the next generations of farmers, forest workers, and the businesses associated with them. It also takes away valuable ag land that produces the food and trees that support thousands of jobs and working families. A better solution for developing land outside urban growth boundaries is to follow existing law.