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Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson, and Committee members,

I lived in Oklahoma City for a couple of years. It is an urban sprawl nightmare, littered with big tech and oil companies, and has daily Ozone warnings. Sometimes you cannot go outside because of the pollution. The water in OKC comes from runoff that is held in manmade lakes and is unsafe to drink.

Chair Pham should know exactly what I mean about OKC since she is from there. I ask you, Chair Pham, do you want to see Oregon become Oklahoma?

Senator Broadman, 1522-1 does not solve the problems Bend is facing and will only exacerbate the community frustration with big business using legislative loopholes to side step the promises made in Master Plans. Real solutions come in the form of regulating rental prices, preventing private equity from purchasing housing, creating community resiliency by funding mass transit, and preventing climate disasters through protecting our public lands and farm lands that act as buffers to cities from wildfires. Our housing crisis is a morality crisis at its core. You may not be able to regulate immorality, but you can disincentivize it!

We also see that affordable housing keeps being pushed to undesirable locations that are not walkable and not within the scope of public transportation. To pretend like 1522-1 is at all about affordable housing and walkable, complete communities, is an insult to working families and individuals.

I see zero economic reports on how this change will substantially add to our employment rates or diversify housing in Oregon.

The actions being taken in The Dalles and Hillsboro to benefit big tech are shameful. As representatives to Oregon communities, you know that the citizens do not support big government or corporations. These changes are presented like a pressure release valve from regulations by big government on land use; however, they are incentives to big corporations to destroy our watersheds and biodiversity.

Promises of jobs from big tech is hubris and demonstrably false. Time and time again we see a handful of jobs that are filled before the development is finished by folks migrating to Oregon. Don't get me wrong, I am on the record as being pro interstate migration. What I am is anti legislation that hurts our environmental resiliency to benefit the billionaires while they receive tax breaks to build hazardous waste facilities called "data centers."

Once these buffers between urban and forest lands are gone, who will stop big tech from coming for our forests to get closer to our underground aquifers and rivers?
Who will protect the water?

1522-1 is a toxic byproduct of lobbying to sell the soul of Oregon to big tech. Do not support 1522-1 in its current iteration.

Regulate corporations and make them pay ALL OF THEIR property taxes!