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I am a Landscape Architect with a good deal of experience dealing with, and evaluating large structures imposed upon the landscape and with the visual impacts that come with those actions. I support this bill as an effort to try and minimize the visual impacts of large wind towers – in this case, as viewed from scenic locations managed by the state.

In a rural landscape, very large or bulky structures are not compatible and any effort to minimize those impacts is a step in the right direction. In my 8 years of formal education and 50+ years of professional practice, we have never seen a very large structure (VLS) successfully blended into a rural landscape in a harmonious manner. We have seen many that dominate the landscape! We seriously doubt the state will benefit by allowing incongruous landscape elements to seriously impact the state's scenic values. Distance can lend enchantment, to a certain degree, and the bill should probably earn an "ought to pass".

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Donald E Wirth, ASLA
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