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HB 2839-A: Remove a Barrier to Industrial Land Rezoning

Help Cities Make Efficient Use of Urban Lands for Economic Development

HB 2839 will give Oregon cities more options. Cities should be able to consider all reasonable options within their urban growth boundaries when planning for job creation. HB 2839 will help make this possible.

HB 2839 will bring new life to vacant urban land. Oregon has a long way to go to come out of the housing slump. Many Oregon communities are significantly oversupplied with residential housing, particularly on their edges where most vacant land is located. HB 2839 gives communities the green light to turn this unutilized land into productive land again, creating new jobs and reviving the local economy.

Protecting Taxpayers, Farmers, and Residents

HB 2839 makes better use of taxpayers' infrastructure investments. When lands inside a UGB are vacant but unnecessarily locked up in residential zoning, communities look further to their fringe for new development, increasing the burden on taxpayers and wasting their investment in lands already inside the UGB.

HB 2839 protects working farms and forests. Agriculture is Oregon's second-largest industry; forestry is its third. But the lands these industries depend on are limited and always at threat. HB 2839 reduces this threat by letting communities create jobs without needing to expand onto resource lands.

HB 2839 preserves the public's right to participate. Citizen participation is a cornerstone of Oregon's governance at all levels. HB 2839 keeps the crucial promise that all Oregonians deserve a say in their community's future. Any changes in zoning for job creation will be subject to the same public process and review as other local land use changes.

***Give Local Governments More Options and
Remove a Barrier to Industrial Land Creation:
Please Support HB 2839-A***

Since 1975, 1000 Friends has worked to promote efficient use of urban lands, protect working farms and forests, and engage Oregonians in shaping their communities' future. **Learn more at www.friends.org.**

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