

To: Members of the House Rules Committee and Legislative Leaders
From: Kimry Jelen
Date: June 5, 2013
RE: House Bill 3536

I am opposed to HB 3536. There are at least 100 more people that I personally know - had they learned about this bill soon enough, they would also be sending in letters of opposition or making this trip to Salem. This is a decision that should be made at the county level. Oregon is a beautiful state to live in for a reason, land use laws. Granting special privileges to individuals like this undermines our land use system, local county control and the legislative process.

When I invested in my home, the county records show the land next to me is designated as "open space" and still does. I would not have moved to the location otherwise. The owners of the land in question are supposed to keep it open space because they increased the density of their original development - it is open space meant for displaced wild life.

There are many county resources which affect us all - the negative impact is not negligible; Drinking water, water table level, Whyhus Creek, increased traffic, pollution, roads and maintenance, noise, law enforcement - just to name a few. Then there is the quality of life and scenic beauty - once that is gone it's gone forever, we can't say, "whoops, we made a mistake."

This bill is not an emergency. Please do not allow HB 3536.

Thank you,
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