

My wife and I would like to express our strong opposition to HB 4078. We led a five-year fight against a subdivision that threatened our neighborhood's surface water and groundwater wells.

We realize that expansion of an Urban Growth Boundary is different from making a land use decision on a subdivision. But this principle applies to both:

The right of citizens to seek legal redress should not be abridged by the state legislature, as HB 4078 does. Once the legislature starts substituting its own judgment for that of the court system, where will this end? It just seems wrong for the legislature to intervene in a specific issue that is working its way through Oregon's highly successful land use system.

Likely the courts would not look kindly upon HB 4078, another reason to kill it in committee. With all the problems to be addressed by legislators in this short 2014 session, we are perplexed why time, energy, and attention is being paid to HB 4078, a bad idea. Please let this bill die.

Sincerely,

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