

To:
Hon. Chris Edwards, Chair
Senate Committee on Environment
And Natural Resources
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From:
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Re: SB-258 (amendments to ORS 469.401)

Feb. 6, 2015

Sent via email

Dear Chairman Edwards and Committee members,

I am writing to you because I am concerned about SB 258 and it amending ORS 469.401 and the ramifications of such a far reaching amendment.

The State mandates the Counties to adopt Developmental Codes. SB 258 is going to ignore any current and future ordinances adopted by our Counties. Our State and Nation is made up of checks and balances and SB 258 is going to take away the balance that is intended to give our Counties the Freedom of self-Government.

I see no good coming out of amending ORS 469.401. There is currently a process in place that allows Energy Developments to be sited even when they do not meet one or more land use goals or if there is a conflict between State land use laws and local laws if it can be shown there is a good cause for doing so. Energy developers should have to show that they are providing more benefit than damage if they are able to ignore local land use laws.

Gentlemen I ask you to take a very close hard look at SB 258 as there will be indeterminate consequences if it passes. Everywhere we turn we are losing more rights. Some of these effect the people, some effect our environment. Let us not lose more.

Let me be clear, I am for Energy Development, I believe we can have a smart plan for our Energy Development. SB 258 is not the way forward for smart development.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Suni Danforth

Concerned citizen in Umatilla County