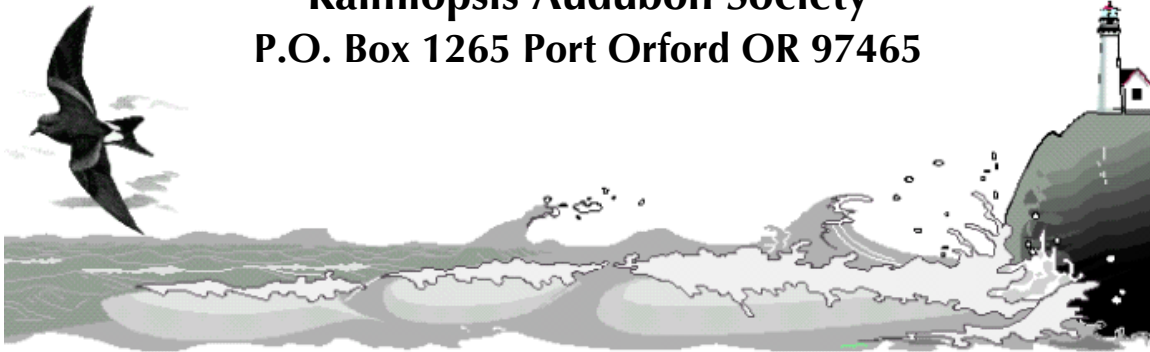


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Feb. 23, 2015

Beth Reiley  
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
Oregon State Legislature  
Salem, Oregon

**Testimony to be included in February 23 hearing**

Dear Chair Edwards and Senate Committee:

On behalf of the Kalmiopsis Audubon Society, I would like to urge the Committee to reject SB 25.

Our organization represents more than 200 members in Curry County with the mission of encouraging proper stewardship of the natural resources of southwest Oregon.

We believe that SB 25 sets a dangerous precedent of waiving land-use rules without justification. Furthermore, we steadfastly oppose any possibility that the false rationale behind this bill would ever be applied to our own Curry County.

We urge the Committee to recognize that a healthy and vibrant economy demands not an abandonment of land-use planning, but rather a vigorous program of excellent and responsible land-use planning.

The results of no planning or poor planning are evident in regions of depressed economies throughout our state and nation. The most robust economies, in contrast, are accompanied by programs of sensible planning and the recognition that reasonable land-use regulations are essential to the protection of our rights and our quality of life as property owners and business owners.

Here on the coast, we see with graphic clarity how good planning is inextricably related to a good economy; ill conceived developments such as Sebastian Shores, where new homes near Gold Beach are on the verge of collapsing into the ocean, will result in not only tragic private losses but egregious expenses on the part of our local governments.

In contrast, the beauty and accessibility of our coast, our fishing waters, our public lands and open spaces are the veritable backbone of our evolving economy. Without good planning, all these resources—and the economic engine they represent—will be jeopardized.

We need to step forward with planning that is more effective, rather than abandoning our legacy of planning with proven effectiveness.

Please do not support this bill.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Vileisis".

Ann Vileisis  
President, Kalmiopsis Audubon