

Senate Bill 716/Oppose

Senate Environment and Natural Resources
April 06, 2015 hearing

Dear Chair Edwards and Committee Members,

I am Larry Duyck, a farmer from Washington County, and I reside at 34203 NW Mountaindale Road, North Plains, Oregon.

I have spoken with several of you or a member of your staff about SB 716. I will provide a short review of my involvement with the rural urban reserves process from SB 1011 approved in 2007 by the Oregon Legislature.

- Legislature Approved SB 1011 in 2007- this was to plan for growth in the three Metro counties for 40-50 years. It was to provide a systematic development of urban growth and still protect agriculture and not have a hopscotch development and to forego the 5-7 year UGB expansion process.
- The process began with County Coordinating Committees.
 - Multnomah & Clackamas Counties had a balanced committees and work with ODA to help identify the Ag lands to protect
 - Washington County only had one Ag representative and 16 cities representatives
 - Created their own factors and weighting system and did not follow the ODA recommendations.
 - I asked for Rep. Clem to attend a coordination meeting and explain the intent of the law that came from SB 1011
 - In 2012 some Washington County farmers and 1,000 Friends of Oregon filed an appeal after the LCDC approval of the urban rural reserve process.
 - Feb. 20, 2014 The Oregon Court of Appeals sent a remand back on the urban rural reserve process saying that we farmers were correct that the process in Washington County was flawed.
 - Immediately the "Grand Bargain" idea came about because the only other option was to start the urban reserve process over...another five years and substantial resources for all parties to expend once again.
 - Rep. Clem and Rep. Unger with other legislators, the Governor's staff, Metro, the various cities, home builders, 1,000 Friends, Oregon Farm Bureau, and the farmers that filed the appeal, etc worked for a solution "The Grand Bargain".

On Feb. 28, 2014 HB 4078 passed the House 59-0 March 04, 2014 HB 4078 passed the Senate 30-0 and the Governor signed into law the "Grand Bargain" on April 01, 2014.

Now a year later this bill is to undo HB 4078 that all of you voted in favor of in 2014. I gave up my legal rights in that Grand Bargain.... The deal shouldn't be changed.

A DEAL IS A DEAL!!!!