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I just heard this bill will be heard in committee today. Please allow me to weigh in on this matter.

I am a smart growth advocate who attended a Deschutes Co regional solutions meeting as an observer last year. There were also several water and land resources advocates in the audience.

Our natural resources and our environmental quality is our golden goose in Central Oregon. It is what brings in the tourists and motivates modern businesses to locate or expand into our area. But environmental advocates were deliberately excluded from any voice in the regional solutions discussions. We did get to submit our thoughts on an index card which was distributed afterwards.

The current regional solutions process has been the least inclusive public meeting process I have attended in Oregon over the past 40 years.

It makes no sense to purposely exclude "smart growth" advocates and natural resource guardians from any meeting that seeks to improve our regional economic base in any Oregon community. In Oregon, and particularly in Central Oregon, our natural resources and the natural beauty of our environment are the very foundation of our economic base. Smart growth and environmental advocates should be given seats at the regional solutions round table.

Also, the current 7 day notice period is grossly inadequate. Most of us plan our work lives at least 30 days in advance. If we want regional solutions to be successful, it needs to be inclusive. And if we want engaged members of our communities to be heard, we need to lengthen the notice period to 30 days.

Thank you.

PJL