

Testimony by Wilsonville Mayor Tim Knapp Opposing HB 2094:

Oregon Legislature Should Avoid Preempting Local Land-Use Process

Scheduled for public hearing on Feb. 23, 2017, before the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

To Chair Clem, Vice-Chairs McLain and Sprenger, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Wilsonville City Council, I am testifying in opposition to HB 2094, which in essence approves as-is the proposed Metro-area Urban and Rural Reserves.

Wilsonville is a growing city and has applied to Metro for a UGB expansion into the Advance Road Urban Reserve that at this is not yet acknowledged by the Dept. of Land Conservation and Development and the Oregon Judicial Dept. due to appeals that have required additional findings. This process is underway for Metro to submit findings as requested by the Court of Appeals in conjunction with Clackamas County.

And while Wilsonville would presumably benefit directly from this legislation by allowing us to advance residential development in the Advance Road Urban Reserve that we are concept planning in conjunction with Metro, we oppose on principle state legislative interference or preemption of local land-use processes.

Once a land-use process has been agreed upon by multiple stakeholders and codified in law through the legislative process by the Oregon Legislative Assembly, we should allow the land-use process to play-out at the agency and judicial levels. Wilsonville does not favor state legislative intervention or super-siting in local land-use processes.

The City of Wilsonville respectfully urges a DO NOT PASS vote on HB 2094. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Knapp, Mayor City of Wilsonville