



## **Statement on HB 2039 and HB 2040**

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*House Committee On Agriculture and Natural Resources*

Central Oregon LandWatch has an interest in maintaining fair and transparent annexation processes.

With regard to HB 2039 and HB 2040, we appreciate the intent of these bills and will be eager to follow the discussions as they continue to develop. In the bills' current form, Central Oregon LandWatch expresses neither support nor opposition.

We have an interest in making sure annexations are a productive and beneficial venture for all involved: both for existing city residents as well as prospective annexees. As more annexations queue up, careful consideration of fairly spreading the financial burden of providing city services and infrastructure is an ongoing concern of LandWatch.

We always urge caution against speculative annexation or situations where service provision is ill planned.

We thank the committee's attention to these values as their work progresses.