

Dear Members of the Committee on Human Services and Housing,

I am writing to urge you not to support HB 2937 and HB 2938. Please do not further erode protections to land designated for exclusive agricultural use by allowing additional dwellings.

The ADU bill in particular (HB 2937) will likely result in more short term vacation rentals on farmland. There is no limitation in HB 2937 as to whether the new dwelling is attached to the existing house, where on the lot it is located, its size, or its ownership. Taxpayers in general will pick up the tab to serve these scattered new dwellings with school buses, law enforcement, and road maintenance. Nonfarm dwellings harm our economy, and are an unfair burden to Oregon's taxpayers. It is also important to note that these bills have nothing to do with affordable housing, though they may be packaged that way.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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