

Testimony from Oliver Olson, a resident of Sauvie Island
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I am writing in response to House Bill 2937 which would allow for Accessory Structures to be built in Rural Multnomah County where Exclusive Farm Use Zoning Exists and House Bill 2456 which covers other rural zones.

The question I like to ask is why not? Why not allow homeowners in rural zones to have the same rights as homeowners that live in almost all other housing zones in the Portland area. I believe it is unfair and unjust to prevent a homeowner to build an accessory structure on their property. We as a community discuss affordability, aging in place and look to other communities around the world where multiple generations live under one roof. These Bills would make room for us to move a little closer to those objectives and that is why I am for Senate Bills 2937 & 2456.