

Chair Keny-Guyer and Members of the Committee:

HB's 2937 & 2938 are both bad ideas that need to be given a resounding no and a quick death. I am unable to be there in person, so I am writing this from the train on my way back from Northern Indiana, an area to which I have frequently returned to since 1978. I have watched northern Indiana, an area of beautiful productive farms, be transformed into an area of farms with multiple non farm houses scattered throughout prime farm land. This is not a path that Oregon should go down, it is one we will come to regret for a multitude of reasons.

Additional conflicts with neighboring farmers is a given should they pass, as well as additional expenses and inconveniences that will be incurred by farmers. Particularly around issues that will result from the new, "Zone Of Exclusion" of 100ft that we are now required to observe as we spray.

This is also a terrible way to address the affordable housing issue, putting people in areas where it is more expensive not to mention more difficult, to provide services will ultimately cost all of us taxpayers more and place additional strain on county budgets and infrastructure.

As a farmer who farms next to the city limits of Albany I personally have no interest in taking advantage of such a loophole and hope none of my neighbors would, (we already have too many non farm dwellings here). Unfortunately I'm sure there would be a couple and they most likely would not be the farmers.

Please send these bills to the grave.

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