

Dear Members of House Committee on Ag. + Natural Resources,

It is extremely important to keep land use decisions in the hands of the state (DLCD) rather than allowing local regional governments to be making decisions on our state's very successful land use process. State over-site of goals for our counties has worked in the past and will continue to work in the future.

We have had attempts of pilot programs looking into this type of conversion and they were unable to accomplish their goals despite state funding and a two-year period for completion.

Deschutes County looked into this process as well (non resource lands conversion) and with numerous public sessions from varying parts of the county and decided there was no reason to change the existing process for zoning changes.

HB 2222 should not be pursued.

Best,

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