

Dear Honorable Committee Members

I had planned to be at the hearing for this bill, but due to an unexpected appointment, I am unable to be there, so am emailing in my comments.

I am opposed to his bill as it stands. While there is an affordable housing crisis in many parts of Oregon, people needing affordable housing likely need to be where they do not have to drive far for work or services, due to the additional expense. There may be some exceptions, such as people to work on a farm, or some other special case. I believe there are already some exceptions for this (conditional use).

If this bill is amended to clarify more restrictions I would be less opposed. Otherwise it does not seem reasonable to have more rural residential homes on on lot, especially if there is limited groundwater or septic system land for such.

I also do not think we should waste valuable resource lands that will be needed far into the future for growing food or trees, with more houses.

Affordable housing should provide for as many people as possible within city limits, where services and jobs can be reached either easily by car, or public transportation, and sewer and city water are available.

Sincerely,

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