Dear Representatives,

We are writing to express our opposition to HB 2222. We are firm believers in our Statewide Goals and our land use planning process. They have been so crucial in shaping the state that we love.

It appears that the intention of HB 222 is to remove the process of determining land use criteria from the LCDC, and instead use a yet to be developed process at the county level.

When three southern counties undertook this process under a pilot program, all failed to complete the study despite state funding over a two year period. Each county encountered individual problems, but all three cited the unmanageable workload involved and the inadequate funding provided in their final reports.

So given that history we don't understand why this is being proposed again?

This bill offers no rationale for the drastic changes that it enables. And does not indicate that statewide planning goals should be adhered to.

Therefore, we see no reason for this bill to move out of committee.

Sincerely,

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