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Opposition to HB2937 - Permits accessory dwelling unit on land zoned rural residential and as conditional permitted use on land zoned for exclusive farm use.

Opposition to HB2938 - Permits siting of recreational vehicle for residential purposes on land zoned rural residential and as conditional permitted use on land zoned for exclusive farm use.

Dear Chair Clem and members of the Committee:

I am writing to oppose both of these bills.

Both bills permit the establishment of "accessory dwellings" including certain recreational vehicles.

The word "accessory" is not defined. The [Online Etymology Dictionary](#) defines and traces the meaning of the term "accessory." The ordinary usage of the term dramatically affects the bill:

accessory (n.)

also accessory, early 15c., "that which is subordinate to something else," also as a legal term, "one aiding in a felony without committing the offense" (as by advising, inciting, concealing), from Late Latin accessorius, from Latin accessor, agent noun of accedere "to approach" (see accede).

The term as commonly used means that the dwelling would be "subordinate to something else." What that something else is, and how it is subordinate is not clear in the bill, and for that reason I oppose the bill as written, as being nothing less than an attempt to circumvent Oregon's land use laws.

Sincerely,



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