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Senator Michael Dembrow  
Oregon State Capitol, S-407  
Salem, OR 97301

**Re: Central Oregon LandWatch's Opposition to HB 2031**

Dear Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee:

Central Oregon LandWatch is opposed to House Bill 2031. This bill would grant a new five-year transfer of development opportunity ("TDO") extension to a developer who in 2009 wanted to build a destination resort near the Metolius River.

This proposed bill is not only unwarranted where there were no actual development rights to be transferred in the first place and where the developer has not exercised any TDO for eight years, but the bill also inappropriately allows for up to two resorts and additionally removes protections for coastal wetlands, inventoried significant resources, and natural hazard areas that had been part of previous extensions.

None of the current amendments alleviate our concerns on this issue and we believe that the developer has already been given ample opportunity to exercise any TDO.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Paul Dewey

Paul Dewey,  
Executive Director

