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Joint Ways and Means Natural Resources Subcommittee members:

Please clarify what economic analysis of this bill has been prepared, and by whom?

As a member of the Northwest District Association, our members and my neighbors have repeatedly asked me where they might find such an analysis. I am unable to locate a posting on various legislative websites.

The concern seems to be whether the proposed legislation would have the effect that it is intended to have, i.e. actually lowering housing prices. There seems to be a great deal of skepticism about it doing so by individuals in our organization who have been working with this issue for years, if not decades. Their view is that even if the bill were to reduce permitting costs, those savings are very seldom, if ever, reflected in lowered rents, and that this bill does not appear to address that, amongst other things.

The Speaker's office suggested that an economic analysis would be done concurrent with the committee work, but that doesn't seem right, and would be more than backwards.

Could you also direct us to relevant precedents for this type of policy having been implemented successfully in other jurisdictions?

best regards

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