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Subject: [PCHR] I am opposed to House Bill 2007 - please forward to Senator Fred Girod

Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

My mail browser will not let me type in Senator Fred Girod's e-mail address. Please forward this e-mail to him.

House Bill 2007 will do great damage to the cities and towns in the state of Oregon. It will dictate a one-size-fits-all development policy to every city, town and village in Oregon. Do we really want to do this? Do we really want to ruin what makes this state unique by making every single city, town and village look alike?

That will be the result of a bill which tries to make uniform development standards across the state under the false guise of creating affordable housing while demolishing our Oregon heritage. Nowhere in the bill are there clear and objective standards for developing affordable housing or how long the housing must be kept affordable, once built. We are in an affordable housing crisis, not a market rate housing crisis. We have seen the rash of demolitions in Portland, and small, affordable houses full of character and history and EMBODIED ENERGY have been torn down to build SINGLE FAMILY housing that towers over its neighbors, runs up to maximum setbacks, reduces trees and green space and sells for 2, 3 and even 4 times what the demolished house sold for.

This bill runs counter to state requirements for each jurisdiction to evaluate its planning process and goals for the future. In Portland, we went through an exhaustive process to make sure that things such as equity, affordability, economic sustainability, environmental sustainability and preserving local character, among other values were included in our Comprehensive Plan. Now all the planning effort and the expense are being tossed out the window; cities, towns and villages will need to spend more money to accommodate the results of this bill. This bill is NOT FISCALLY NEUTRAL; it will cost every jurisdiction in this state money.

This bill ignores what people locally wish to see in their communities. In doing so, it ignores what is probably the greatest strength in the planning process, which is citizen involvement. House Bill 2007 will dictate the will of developers and investors on all Oregon cities and towns to raze cultural and historic fabric for the sake of turning a quick profit. It ignores the efforts of municipalities to strengthen transportation networks, to make it easier for more people to live near where they work by growing nodes away from downtown and to provide socioeconomic equity in housing choices. It also refuses to acknowledge the fact that not everyone wants to live in micro-apartments or in a 3-story duplex. It no longer offers HOUSING CHOICE to Oregon residents; instead Oregon residents will have to live in housing types that developers dictate.

This is a wolf in sheep's clothing; this bill does nothing for affordability or for the environment or for keeping structures that define Oregon and its history.

Sincerely,
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