

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Support for HB 4075

Goal 1 of Oregon's Land Use Laws is citizen input yet a 2014 meeting that finalized Washington County's land use designations was closed. Does that make sense to anyone? Finalizing the details of a process that is supposedly driven by public input in a non-public forum? You can't make things like this up. It really happened!!! It was dubbed "The Grand Bargain".

As a result of the "Grand Bargain" my land is now designated "RR" and will remain so until the state chooses to return land use jurisdiction back to local planning agencies. This statement is supported by legal opinions from Metro and the State of Oregon.

Through actions of the state, deliberate or not, in a process hidden from public view and sheltered from public process my personal property rights were taken. These actions have deprived me of the benefits or burdens of having my land governed locally. Discussions with some local representatives have been less than satisfying. There is sympathy for my situation but also a concern. I am expected to be patient, after all this a short session and there just may not be time to address this issue. This sounds like an excuse to procrastinate and to maybe test the political winds a little further before making a decision. The decision should be obvious. You need to return my land to local control, restore my property rights, and focus your energy and efforts on other issues.

The remedy for this issue is to immediately return my land to the UR designation deemed appropriate by Washington County, Metro and LCDC and to return land use decisions to local bodies.

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