

Chair McClain & Committee Members:

I recently retired having spent my professional career in the land use planning field, 12 years on the government side and 30 some years in private practice as a Planning Consultant. I have participated in countless public meetings and firmly believe in their necessary part of the land use and zoning process.

Since the early 70's an Oregon Supreme Court decision coupled with the passage of SB 100 and the creation of the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) it has been required that specific land use regulations be adopted by local jurisdictions. These plans had to comply with and the Goals and Objectives stipulated by LCDC.

State wide, cities, counties, and regional governments have enacted these required policies and plans but only after significant citizen involvement and public hearings. Based on the input of these public agencies long range plans have been adopted and certified by LCDC.

Public involvement in land use decisions was one of the mandated Goals and Objectives to be included in an adopted and approved plan. The bill before you, HB 4092, seeks to circumvent the public hearing processes now in place.

I believe that it should not be the State's position to participate in attempts to circumvent the established local land use and zoning decisions by allowing for the by-passing of the required steps in the land use process that the State itself required be established.

To do so would set a bad precedent, especially when one of the major benefactors will be the Aurora Airport, a facility that is owned the a State agency, the Oregon Board of Aeronautics. Government should play by the same rules as it expects the public to follow.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns.

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