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Submitted comments on HB 2001

I support the concept of requiring greater density throughout Oregon to meet many of our state goals. However, several provisions of HB 2001 unnecessarily undermine Oregon's values and other objectives. This bill as written is a lemon. Lets make lemonade out of its foundations.

We need more density in many areas to accommodate growth, but this is an excessive sledgehammer by applying four-plex zoning without any constraints. There is no regards for historical character or any other cultural context, and complete contravention of several other Oregon land-use goals. And, the granting of legal fees against any losing appellant will chill and quash each legitimate challenge to a land-use application - and that is antithetical to the fair participation doctrine at the heart of the Oregon ethos and of the free speech provisions in the Oregon Constitution. .

Oregon does not need HB 2001 as written. It will severely unbalance a land use and transportation system that is the envy of the country in terms of containing sprawl and reducing carbon emissions.

We need an update to Oregon's zoning system, not a hatchet job.

Please add this to the Record.

Thank you,

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