

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB2001.

I am opposed to this legislation because it will throw out all of the efforts thus far to thoughtfully grow our cities by zoning dense growth close to transit hubs and amenities (such as town centers or shopping districts). Instead, this bill will replace our planning process with a free for all for developers. There is no guarantee that the results of this bill once enacted will make housing more affordable, but I am sure we will lose trees and landscape and increase traffic and congestion.

Changing the zoning in our neighborhoods are decisions that should be made on a local level, not on a state level.

If this is such a good idea for Oregon, it should be put to a vote by the citizen of Oregon.

This bill should not be advanced until an exhaustive conversation, with plenty of opportunities for feedback and comments by Oregonians, has occurred.

I ask that you put the brakes on this bill and allow more time and testimony to occur.

Thank you,
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