

I **OPPOSE** HB2001 for the following reasons:

1. It takes planning control away from local districts and imposes a cookie cutter approach to virtually every community in Oregon.
2. There is no consideration of the impact on existing infrastructure such as sewers, public schools, parking, parks, and road congestion.
3. The environmental impact will be substantial in that existing homes will be torn down releasing toxic dust into the air, destroying existing trees, and wasting existing building materials only to replace them with new materials that require large expenditures of energy to manufacture.
4. The social impact will be devastating to vulnerable communities in that affordable older homes will be replaced by new expensive apartments thus driving out residents who can no longer afford to live in their own neighborhoods.

I urge the committee to reject this ill conceived proposal and adhere to Oregon's Planning Goal #1 -

“To develop a citizen involvement program that insures the opportunity for citizens to be involved in all phases of the planning process.”

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