

I am submitting this testimony to record my opposition to HB 2001. My reasons are as follows:

1. This legislation would permit unrestricted development that would lead to crowding of single family neighborhoods.
2. There would be unfunded required enhancements to infrastructure to support this type of density.
3. It would lead to crowding of already congested city streets.
4. It would promote elimination of small affordable single family homes often owned by the elderly, those on fixed incomes and young families seeking starter homes.
5. It would displace those seeking to rent small, affordable homes.
6. Unrestricted building of this nature will lead to destruction of old trees, canopies and loss of precious green space that gives Portland its character.
7. This legislation does NOT solve the issue of creating affordable housing.
8. Unrestricted destruction of old home and building of new buildings contributes to waste that goes into landfills, and pollution in the form of particulate matter in the air, harmful to human health.

This measure appears to be a simplistic attempt to solve complex housing issues. It will however, not solve the most pressing issues. Rather it is likely to do more harm than good. Please reject this measure!

Respectfully submitted,

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