

I oppose HB2001.

I fully support carefully planned increases in housing density and ADU's. But without proper safeguards, developers have no incentive to build high quality buildings that are in scale with the neighborhood. They build cheap, ugly monstrosities that are priced for the luxury market as a way to maximize profits. My understanding is that State law bars cities from having design review authority. HB2001 would force a mass rezoning while still not allowing cities to impose reasonable design review. This will make a currently bad situation worse. We don't need to be tearing down affordable housing in order to build huge luxury duplexes that destroy the character of the neighborhood while driving out middle class families.

This proposal needs a lot more work and should not be considered by the legislature in its current form.

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