

Thank you for allowing comments.

In 2003, the area of Albany I live in, went through the process of evaluating the kind of growth being proposed in HB2001. Hearings severed to bring residents' various concerns to light and it was decided that increasing density in some of the proposed areas would be have a negative impact on roads, water and sewer.

The point being, with regard to HB2001, passing a law that just allows the increase in density, without community hearings and no consideration given to the impact on neighborhoods, roads and schools while also not permitting local governments to charge System Development fees to help mitigate those increased demands, would be a disaster. City and county budgets and long term planning already in place, would be ripped up and thrown into disarray as new and unplanned demands, without cost mitigation, will be onerously placed on them as new plans would have to be completed in less than 2 years.

Many Oregon cities and counties are still emerging from the crash of 2008 and the rippling effects. This kind of disruption could roll back progress being made.

I understand the need for affordable housing, but mandating a blanket solution, is on its face, impractical and could be very harmful to those cities and counties affected by it. HB2001 is much too broad and ill-defined. Planning needs to be left in the hands of local jurisdictions. There are better and less damaging ways to achieve more affordable housing than this bill.

I urge you all to reject HB 2001

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