



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 28, 2019

Chair Clem and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use,

Thank you for the opportunity to share my perspective on HB 3272. As a legislator, and as an attorney with experience with the Land Use Board of Appeals, I have concerns about the bill as currently written.

In my view, the new schedule set by HB 3272 would be unworkable. In particular, the unrealistic timeline would leave too little time for the participants to prepare their opening briefs. In addition, I would like to point out that LUBA already has discretion to reject individual record objections.

In my experience, LUBA does timely work and, in general, the record is settled appropriately. I do not think that HB 3272 strikes the right balance between efficiency and public participation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Representative Ken Helm
District 34 – Washington County

