

This law is without question the most extreme attempt to destroy forever whatever favorable quality of life is left in cities such as Portland. The sole benefit here will be further enrichment of the developers as our remaining beautiful historic neighborhoods are leveled and replaced by cheap characterless multiple dwellings. This constitutes overdevelopment in the most extreme sense.

The state is dictating zoning to local municipalities, thus eliminating one of the most important elements of home rule. The law will force overpopulation of residential areas and in so doing will create massive problems in infrastructure requirements, compromise fire safety (we've seen the recent effect of fire on closely spaced wood frame buildings this week), and cause an end to the quality of life that we have come to enjoy here.

HB 2001 needs to be stopped and the political future of all legislators favoring it needs to be carefully reviewed by voters.

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