

April 7, 2019

To: House Committee on Human Services and Housing

From: James Gorter, Southwest Portland

RE: HB2001 and -10 and -11 amendments -- OPPOSED

I urge you to oppose HB2001. Please, do not move it forward to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means. The -10 and -11 amendments may do a bit to address some of the implementation issues, but the overall negative consequences of HB2001 are still there and they are huge.

HB2001 is a zoning bill, and a clumsy one at that. Any housing strategy that is built on lines on a map and does not include plans for retaining existing affordable housing, protecting our most vulnerable families from displacement, and for managing infrastructure will not succeed.

If Bend and Milwaukie want to adopt the policies contained in HB2001, they can. As Redmond, Fairview, Eugene, Albany and others have testified, they do not want HB2001. Don't force the heavy hands of the state, big money developers, Portland's mayor and 1000 Friends of Oregon down on cities that want to create their own housing solutions. Oregon's land use laws and policies already require them to plan for their housing needs. Let them do so.