

Chair and committee members

As I read this bill it would require cities greater than 25,000 to allow housing on platted lots of 25 by 100 feet or 2500 sq feet. Most of these lots platted decades ago were sold as two lots or the standard Portland lot of 5000 sq feet. The homebuilders are not content with a 4 plex on every lot, but now want, regardless of reasonable local regulations, to force cities to allow skinny houses on the skinny lots, or other designs they can do and still make money. For good reason, Portland has put restrictions on such development, but this bill would undo those restrictions.

The state should have confidence in the ability of cities to follow the state goals and provide the 20 year supply of housing required under state. This meat hammer approach is an insult to the accomplishments of the Oregon land use system.

Once again, this legislation and the other ones pending will change the scale and design of the older Portland neighborhoods, and for what, developer and investor profits. I am oppose, please do not vote this bill out of committee.

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