

I submit this email in opposition to SB 1050.

When I read of this bill's existence and how legislative rules were snookered to give it a hearing on the shortest possible notice, it brought to mind the words of Tom Paine:

"THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. . . Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; . . ."

This is nothing less than a backdoor attempt to undermine Measure 49 by removing the 10-year limitation on subsequent purchasers subdividing or partitioning property or establishing dwelling authorized by the Ballot Measure 49 (2007) final order. Oregonians supported of Measure 49 in order to bring fairness to existing property owners, and certainty for farmers and others that there would be a finite amount of dwellings and time during which any additional dwellings on resource lands would be built.

This bill undoes that. And in so undoing, this Bill turns the legislative process into a game in which those who are not full time lobbyists are merely the façade behind which we are in truth, treated as mere chumps. Thus, the words of Tom Paine.

This is a substantive legislative initiative that deserves and requires something more than an end run by low interests who turn our legislative process into soft core tyranny.

Do the right thing. Refer this to a substantive committee or reject it for what it is - a backdoor move that turns the Oregon Legislature into a mockery. Oregonians are not fools and do not like to be played for fools.

Sincerely,

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