

February 12, 2020

Chairman Senator Shemia Fagan
Senate Committee on Housing and Development

RE: Opposition to SB1555

Dear Senator Fagan and Committee Members:

I am opposed to SB1555. My name is Kara Glass. I farm with my Dad on several properties in Central Point. We raise vegetables for the local market as well as alfalfa and pumpkins. As a farmer we are required to meet certain criteria pertaining to soils, size and/or income in order to build a dwelling on farm land.

Under SB1555 someone that is not even a farmer would be able to unfairly build a dwelling on the same farm land we are prevented from building on merely by becoming a "religious official" and claiming a room in that dwelling as a church. Google shows how easily one can become a church and be ordained. Religion is a very personal thing and no one could ever question the validity of any church or "religious official" giving a free pass to anybody and everyone that applied for a parsonage.

SB1555 would allow a non farm dwelling without consideration as to the impacts that dwelling might have on adjacent farms giving the "religious leader's" house preference over their neighbor's farm operation.

Please do the right thing and not move this bill forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara D. Glass". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

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