



OLAWA'S Testimony in Favor of House Bill 4015

My name is Paul Lipscomb, I live just outside of Sisters Oregon, and I am the Vice President of OLAWA, the Oregon Land and Water Alliance. OLAWA is a 501c3 corporation that educates and advocates for sound public policy related to land use and water use issues in Central Oregon and throughout the State of Oregon. I have been authorized by the Board of Directors of OLAWA to submit this letter on its behalf.

We are in favor of House Bill 4015 for the following reasons:

We view HB 4015 as a good proposal which will encourage large and medium sized cities throughout Oregon to adopt sensible urban reserves adjacent to their urban growth boundaries in order to ensure that there will be adequate lands available to meet that city's housing needs in the future. By also requiring frequent evaluations of the current inventory of available buildable lands it will ensure that there will always be

sufficient properties available to meet the housing needs of these communities as they grow and prosper.

It also should improve local planning efforts to coordinate the timely and efficient delivery of urban services to new housing developments as they are approved, and to avoid hopscotched development into areas where providing urban services will be difficult.

Thank you for giving our concerns your attention when considering this bill.

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