

Dear Members of the Committees,

My house is located in the Fielding Road neighborhood, which is located between the western shoreline of the Willamette River and Highway 43 to the north of Union Pacific Railroad Bridge (45.4267, - 122.6574). This neighborhood is a mix of residences within the jurisdictions of the City of Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, and Multnomah County, although sociologically it is most closely connected with the Lake Oswego communities. For example, irrespective of the jurisdiction in which their homes are located, residents are served by the Lake Oswego School District and pay taxes to support services from the Lake Oswego Fire Department and the Lake Oswego Public Library. It is fairly easy to walk or bicycle from this neighborhood to the parks, restaurants, and stores in Lake Oswego, and likewise Tryon Creek State Park is very accessible on foot. In contrast, there are no such destinations to the north of the neighborhood and the narrow shoulder on Highway 43 north of Briarwood Road makes it dangerous to even walk or bicycle in that direction.

Both House Plan B and Senate Plan B would alter the existing boundaries of House District 38 and Senate District 19 such that the Fielding Road neighborhood would lie within districts to the north, which primarily encompass communities within southwest Portland. Considering that these communities do not share common activities or services with the Fielding Road neighborhood, and the fact that the Fielding Road neighborhood shares services and has community ties to Lake Oswego, it makes sense to ensure that the neighborhood remains within House District 38 and Senate District 19. Note that although House Plans A and C and Senate Plans A and C do not have this issue, they should not be modified to create the problem with House Plan B and Senate Plan B.

Thank you for your consideration.

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