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Re: Testimony in Opposition to HB 3072

Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee:

The following testimony is provided for the public hearing on House Bill 3072 set for today's meeting of the Committee.

Following several terms in the Oregon House of Representatives I served from 2009 to 2017 on the Land Conservation and Development Commission, including as Chair for the last three of those years.

While I served as Chair of LCDC the Commission engaged in rulemaking to create a streamlined process for considering expansion of urban growth boundaries. Expansions continue to depend on demonstration of need. But procedural requirements that slowed the consideration of UGB expansions were adjusted so that a city and LCDC now determine promptly whether an expansion is in compliance with the statewide planning goals.

House Bill 3072 would torpedo that process by allowing the owner of property outside the UGB to force the addition of its property to the UGB without a demonstration of need for the land and ahead of other owners whose properties are more suitable. It would replace sound planning with arbitrary action. The characterization of the property as "workforce housing" does nothing to rehabilitate its obvious flaws.

Therefore, I urge the Committee not to move HB 3072 forward through the legislative process.

Sincerely,



Gregory H. Macpherson

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