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To: House Committee on Housing; others

Re: I OPPOSE [HB 2766]...Next, you'll be forming a Task Force to rearrange the deck chairs on the Titanic.

[HB 2766] is yet another unfunded, un-needed mandate.

Go ahead. Knock yourselves out. Create a "Task Force on the Use of Surplus Public Lands for Housing."

Let's make a mention of possible conflicts of interest.

Check-out the "Text [page 1 at 15-16]" it states, "**(e) The Construction Contractors Board shall appoint one member to represent housing developers.**"

Check-out the "Text [page 1 at 20]" it states, "**(C) One member to represent nonprofit affordable housing developers,**"

Do we have "conflicts of interests" here?

Having "members to represent both housing developers associated with the Contractors Board and nonprofit affordable housing developers" who gets to know; all the confidential deliberations, work product, knowledge of the location development will occur and to be able to participate in policy adaptation so; [His / Her / Transvestite / Binary / it / who knows whom else-as long as they're human]; can profit handsomely from the Task Force inter-workings and public proceedings. I sure wish I could get some of that action.

There is a "unique lettering sequence" in the "Text [page 1 at 18-24]."

From the "Text [page 2 at 22-25]" states, "(14) All agencies of state government, as defined in ORS 174.111, are directed to assist the task force in the performance of the task force's duties and, to the extent permitted by laws relating to confidentiality, to furnish information and advice the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties."

In the "Text [page 2 at 23-24]..." to furnish information and advice the members of the task force consider necessary to perform their duties." This just doesn't read right.

Should this be rewritten to say, "...to furnish information and *give* advice *to* the members of the task force *to* consider, *as* necessary, to perform their duties." Just a thought.

Is the Task Force given carte blanche to use taxpayer's money to fund this project, so a few insiders can get rich?

Where is the Audits Division's Director when you need him. He's a meat eater if I ever saw one. You can tell he has a mouth-full of razor sharp incisors ready to rip into and molars to grind the remains of someone's administrative backside. An audit from this guy is going to hurt somebody's retirement benefits, really bad.

If I was a Department Director during the COVID-19 PANDEMIC and the Task Force wanted my help, I would tell them to...(fill in the blank)_____. Of course, I would be polite when I said to_____.

Respectfully submitted,
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