

House Committee on Housing

Oregon State Legislature

Salem, Oregon

RE: Please vote no on HB 4118 and the -1 amendments

My name is Paul Lipscomb, and I am the Vice President of OLAWA, the Oregon Land And Water Alliance. OLAWA is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization dedicated to the education of all our citizens on the critical importance of land and water conservation issues throughout Oregon, and particularly in the Central Oregon region. I have been authorized by the Board of OLAWA to submit this testimony on behalf of OLAWA and its members and supporters.

Simply put, HB 4118 is a cynical gut and stuff attempt to circumvent and undercut Oregon's proud land use laws and policies.

HB 4118 represents Rep. Zika's final effort to undermine the successes of Senate Bill 100 and its nearly 40 year proud history. In its initial form, HB 4118 is bad enough, but, because its effects are at least readily apparent, its dramatic attempt to undermine Oregon's land use planning system most likely could not pass even cursory examination during the abbreviated short session.

However, the gut and stuff -1 amendment is far more dangerous because, on its face, it proports to be just another proposal for an

interim study on which to base future legislation. But the lengthy list of representative interim committee positions fails to include proposed members who fairly represent the broad spectrum of political and social views of Oregonians concerning our existing land use system. Instead, it appears to be heavily weighted with folks who have a financial or institutional interest in promoting more and more uncontrolled land development and unregulated rural sprawl.

Please vote no on HB 4118, and on the proposed -1 gut and stuff amendments.

Thank you.

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