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House Committee on Housing
State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Or 97301

Opposed HB 4118 and -1 Amendments

Dear Chairman Fahey and Committee Members,

Oregon's land use planning system has been working since Senate Bill 100 passed over 50 years ago. Oregon has sought to protect her natural resources, as well as the farm ground pressured from growth of the cities surrounding the farm ground through the current urban reserve process.

The land use process is working. There is no indication that the urban reserve process is hindering meeting the housing needs by having long term planning for infrastructure and development. It appears that HB 4118 and the -1 amendments don't recognize all of the bills that have passed recently to focus on housing needs. This includes: SB 1051 (accessory dwelling units), HB 2001 (middle housing), (HB 2003) regional housing needs analysis, incorporating affordable housing needs, SB 8 (opening up some commercial areas to regulated affordable housing), SB 1533 (establishing construction excise tax option for affordable housing), HB 2001, 2003 (reducing unnecessary local rules that inhibit the ability to build allowed housing) and the residual infill project which is key for providing affordable housing and protecting farm ground.

Once farm ground is paved over it is gone for future generations and for providing "carbon credits" to help with greenhouse gases. What seems to be missing from the -1 amendment is any representation from agriculture and the natural resource industry. The -1 amendment is an assault on the Oregon land use system, not a solution to housing needs, especially low-income housing needs which isn't necessarily the same as providing workforce housing needs.

Jefferson County Farm Bureau asks for your vote to oppose HB 4118 and the -1 amendments.

Sincerely,

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