

Submitter: Lisa Brisley
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

Dear Members of the House Committee on Rules,

I strongly oppose HB 3414 which will lead to the loss of protections assured by local governments through STATEWIDE LAND USE GOAL 5 to protect natural resources and to conserve scenic and historic areas and open spaces.

The protection of natural resources and natural open spaces is critical to the health and welfare of every living being. HB 3414 will have devastating effects on environmental protections that will only benefit developers at the expense of local communities and the environment.

I strongly oppose HB 3414 which will allow developers to bypass essential regulations that protect trees, wetlands, floodplains, and other essential natural habitats and High Conservation Value Areas (HCVAs) which are of outstanding significance and critical importance due to their high biological and ecological, social and cultural values. High Conservation Value Areas need to be responsibly managed in order to protect, maintain and enhance those identified values that keep people and the environment safe and healthy.

I strongly oppose HB 3414 because it ignores the importance of preserving historic buildings and districts for the health and welfare of people and the environment.

Rehabilitating and repurposing historic properties is a critical part of promoting energy efficiency and reducing resource consumption. Reusing a historic structure versus tearing it down and building with new materials helps to greatly reduce the carbon footprint of a building.

According to the EPA, even when building a new, green, energy-efficient structure that includes as much as 40% recycled materials it would take approximately 65 years to recover the energy lost by demolishing an already existing building.

Thank you for reading my testimony and for VOTING NO on HB 3414.

Kind regards,
Lisa Brisley

