

Submitter: Kalli Light
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 3414. Oregonians have a widespread love for our state's natural beauty. Expanding UGBs will encourage sprawl and eat away at our state's rural lands. I understand that this bill is promoted by homebuilders as a means of encouraging building much-needed housing. However, I work for a prefabricated home builder, and our primary mission is to do our part in addressing climate change. As an alternative to HB 3414, I urge you to seek measures to convert existing infrastructure into housing. Now that we are post-pandemic, our state has a supply of dead or dying office buildings and strip malls. I ask that you pursue measures that will allow builders to convert this underutilized infrastructure into much needed housing as a means of preserving our natural lands, maintaining boundaries on sprawl, and addressing climate change. Thank you.