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I have practiced commercial real estate in Deschutes and Hood River counties for over 25 years. The residents of Bend figured out how to expand the urban growth boundary which helped provide additional commercial and residential development to meet the demand but more is needed. Hood River residents are in a similar situation with the small town seeing huge demand with no ability to expand the urban growth boundary due to high value farm land or forest land surrounding the city limits. Something has to change or there will be no workforce housing and no homes under \$1 million dollars for sale in this market. Please pass SB 1051-2 which should help small towns like Hood River meet the demand the influx of new residents has brought.