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TO: HOUSE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES

FROM: LANDWATCH LANE COUNTY

RE: HB 2192-3

Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

LandWach Lane County is a small 501C3 organization that was established in 1997. LWLC works throughout Lane County to protect farm and forest land for farm and forest uses, and from unlawful development. We are not a lobby organization and do not hire lobbyists to do our bidding.

HB 2192 as amended is improved over the original introduced version. However, Section 4 of the proposed Bill has gone largely unchanged. Section 4 would amend ORS 92.176, Validation of a Unit of Land, which is unrelated to replacement dwellings and unrelated to what the Bill's sponsor testified was the intent of the Bill – replacement dwellings lost to natural disasters and thus without all the necessary characteristics of a dwelling.

Subsection (3) of Section 4 is extremely problematic and unnecessary. Subsection (3) includes language that was removed from another House Bill that Mr. Hunnicutt has proposed, that being HB 3362. In corresponding with 1000 Friends of Oregon, who has expressed their concerns and opposition to House Bill 3362, Mr. Hunnicutt removed some problematic provisions from HB 3362. However, one of those amendments, is currently in Section 4 (3) of HB 2192, which adds a potential negative effect that Mr. Hunnicutt has not told the Committee about.

This bait and switch should be recognized for what it is, as noted. LWLC cannot support HB 2192 and asks the Committee to stop this bill now.

Thank you.

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