

Submitter: Robert Emmons

On Behalf Of: LandWatch Lane County

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB2192

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Re: HB 2192

Committee Members:

Please accept the following on behalf of LandWatch Lane County, a non-profit dedicated to the protection of Lane County's farm and forest land, natural areas and open space.

We do not believe this rushed, last minute back and forth is the way to properly consider a bill that goes further than its stated purpose, with the potential to further weaken land use regulation. There were many who originally testified who have not been privy to the negotiation and amendments that are still unresolved. This is unfair and a violation of State Goal 1.

Despite three amendments the bill does not address or resolve our concern that the "formerly had" language changes the criteria that apply to the validation of a unit of land or about the applicability of tax assessments. Section 4 of HB 2192 is not related to replacement dwellings, not related to the ostensible purpose of this bill and could serve as a loophole for HB 3362 regarding what permits are allowed to validate a unit of land. It is not necessary and should be removed.

For these reasons LandWatch Lane County requests that HB 2192 be dismissed.

Thank you.

Robert Emmons, President
LandWatch Lane County