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I'm from Klamath Falls. While our UGB is plenty large, this bill would help folks in other parts of the state. The average home price in Bend is over \$800,000. That is due at least in part to a lack of space to build inside the UGB. As our neighbors in Bend look for more affordable housing options, many of them look South to Klamath Falls. This creates upward pressure on our housing market. Currently, the average home in Klamath Falls is over \$300,000. That is cheap compared to Bend, but out of reach for the average resident here. Helping Bend solve their housing issue helps Klamath deal with our own housing issue by not encouraging more and more migration from wealthier neighbors.

Please support SB 1537 for the good of every community empowered to make their own decisions.