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I oppose this bill but only because I do not want the amendment approved that threatens the urban growth boundaries to provide housing. There is likely enough land inside the boundaries for needed low and middle income housing. I greatly fear that expanding the boundaries would allow developers to create housing out of the needed income ranges to make more money, while increasing taxpayer and city expenses for more infrastructure on edges of the cities. Oregon has lost population according to recent info I read. What we need is more housing for low income people, which usually means "in filling" where public transport or walking is possible, and less expense of travel costs to work and shopping, such as apartment buildings or small houses, not big homes on the far edges of towns. Oregon has housing costs on par with other similar cities; our land use system with growth boundaries is not the cause of current high costs.