

Submitter: Pryor Garnett
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4026

I write in opposition to the -1 amendment to HB 4026. The right of a city's voters to review expansions and other changes to the city's urban growth boundary (UGB) that have been proposed by the city and reviewed by the Land Conservation and Development Commission should not be removed. This amendment is a naked disenfranchisement of voters, and for that reason alone should be rejected. But it also encourages expansion of cities' UGBs, which are already under great pressure from developers and city planners. As a farmer in Polk County, with a great appreciation and love of Oregon's diversity of urban, suburban and rural lands, I don't want it to be any easier to expand UGBs and eat away at the beautiful, working lands that surround our cities.

Please reject this amendment, and continue to have UGB changes carefully considered and reviewed by the affected cities and their voters, as well as by the Commission.