

Submitter: Randy Davis

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2400

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2400, which I am writing to urge you to vote against.

HB 2400 would increase the fragmentation of Oregon's agricultural and forest lands by allowing an additional house on every rural property. This bill is written in a way to encourage short-term resale, with no safeguards for protecting these valuable lands that feed our communities. People who want or need an extra home on their rural property already have a variety of ways to secure such a home, including seven different ways on farm land and 6 ways on forest lands. Plus, Oregon law already allows new homes for relatives of agricultural and forest land managers, and additional new homes for unrelated farmworkers. HB 2400 simply creates a mechanism for increased rural development for the sake of quick money making. I ask that you please oppose it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Randy Davis