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Density. What started as a basic concept to use available land within the urban growth boundry before allowing expansion of the boundry itself has been turned into a political mantra that is in the process of destroying "livability" in this state. The population of the state is dropping which should eliminate the need for large scale development of housing by the government. I not only oppose this piece of legislation but am asking my representatives in the state legislature to turn back the clock, get the state government out of the housing business, return control to the local communities and let them set standards based on their constituent's wishes. A good role for the state should be ensuring that the process is "fair".

PS the other buzz word that gets used alot for housing is affordability. I live in Portland and nothing that is getting built here is affordable by my definition and budget. This whole game has become a hoax to spend lots of tax dollars on cheap, ugly buildings that only partially address the needs of the people that live in them. In other words it is all about spending the government money for quick profits. By turning control back to the private sector you are forcing developers to focus on customer's desires, incomes and the profitability of the project rather than meeting trumped up government forecasts and requirements.