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This could be a positive step but might be too cumbersome long term. The truth is that Oregon zoning laws not only in MSA areas but rural need major revisions to help with housing, we need to go back to allow 1 acre and 2.5-acre parcels in rural areas if they will support septic systems and wells on marginal farm and wood zones. Now soil conditions are not a reason to add land for housing. If soils will not produce crops are marketable timber, just brush, then it should be allowed for housing. There needs to be major revisions to zoning laws and maybe the end of Land Conversation Development Commission. Nothing has had more of a negative impact on housing than LCDC.