

Submitter: Kay Firor

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4113

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Breese Iverson and Andersen, and Committee members:

I am strongly opposed to HB 4113, because this development would not be in compliance with Oregon land use law, disrupting our statewide land use planning goals. It would allow a county to site up to 960 units of housing on up to 250 acres outside a UGB somewhere in the state, including on farm and forest land.

This bill contains other concerning elements as well. It provides for no public participation in the county siting/approval process, which is an unseemly power grab from whatever local population would be affected. It would allow county sprawl onto farm or forest land, which we Oregonians have decided to protect from such encroachment. There would be wildfire safety issues related to a 250 acre new development on rural lands outside of cities, likely including high cost to taxpayers.

Allowing a resort development on lands outside of urban growth boundaries is not a win for the public, for conservation, or for our beautiful state. Instead, it is a benefit to a single private interest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Kay Firor
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