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SB 1578-Rural Residential Development and Additional ADU provisions-Oppose.

Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson and Members of the Committee

Water is required for life. Life for humans, life for animals, life for plants.

Oregon currently has a growing problem with dry wells.

Residents need access to clean, safe water which can be best provided by siting additional residences inside urban growth boundaries or adding land into a ugb. Likewise sewer systems and water treatment plants are desirable.

Allowing residential development of up to 250 small homes in otherwise rural agricultural or forest land makes no sense. While rural housing may be needed, plopping 250 houses in the middle of farmland puts strains on road systems, as most likely residents would not have access to public transportation.

The other portion of the bill is not needed as there are already many provisions allowing for ADU's.

This bill is unnecessary and could lead to even more strain on Oregon's water supply.

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