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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Chair Pham and Committee Members:

I'm urging you to get rid of SB 1522-1 This bill is a direct affront to Oregon's well thought out and well loved land use system.

This horrible legislation would:

1.) Remove one of the key pillars for Oregon's land use system - the prioritization scheme. This approach ensures that when communities figure out where and how to grow with their Urban Growth Boundaries and Urban Reserves, they must consider a number of factors and balance development and urbanization with preserving our farm and forest lands.

2.) Without the sideboards provided by this critical part of our land use system, we would see cities expand onto farm and forest lands rather than onto lands already planned and zoned for residential or commercial uses.

3.) It upends many years of work recently completed by DLCD and stakeholders resulting in the December 2025 LCDC adoption of rules implementing the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis.

It's shameful that the legislature is looking into so many different approaches to undermine and break down our land use system in ways we've never seen before. It's ironic, that I was just looking at a KOIN news article describing Oregon as being one of the best places to live. In the article, it specifically mentions the very factors that our land use systems have protected for over 50 years as being the reason, AND THAT YOU'RE ACTIVELY TRYING RUIN!!

We expect better!! Vote No on SB 1522-1!!