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I have concerns for the study of housing as a opportunity to look at expanding the UGB or utilizing rural lands for housing. I feel this way because I do value the ecosystem services that benefit all over life in Oregon, over the profits to be gained by the building/ development sector looking for cheap land to develop. If the study were to look at rezoning commercial property, re-utilizing existing infrastructure opportunities, I support that. I do not support expanding the UGB nor using any land that is forest, agriculture, wetlands for track housing development. Often those developments become future fire hazards and environmental injustices when a flood, fire or earthquake occurs. We need our natural and agricultural areas to support our own local food security, air and water quality. There are existing processes that involve public input on lands we as tax payers have paid to preserve. I am concerned that the language in this bill oversteps these processes. If there needs to be a housing study- study how to return the vacation rental housing market back to the regular rental market. Too many houses in Oregon are owned by large real estate companies, who rent to tourists and while this does help Oregon,'s economy, it hurts Oregon renters. Study that please and please feel free to prove me wrong. Protect our forests and agricultural lands from sprawl and box developments all the way up a mountain. Prevent future disasters. Use existing developed lands that need re-purposing. Thank you, Jessica Rojas