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Representatives Brian Clem, Chair
House Land Use Committee
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Re: House Bill 2028 (Relating to consent to annexation for extraterritorial service)

Oregon chapter of the American Planning Association represents nearly one thousand professional and citizen planners in Oregon. The organization supports state policies and legislation that fosters good community planning. **For the following reasons, OAPA recommends a NO vote on HB 2028.**

OAPA has been participating and supportive of the Governor's Urban Growth Advisory Committee's (UGAC) efforts to make reforms to the system that Oregon uses to manage growth. OAPA is particularly interested in the efforts to improve urban efficiency and the streamlining of planning for growth. As you may be aware, the work of UGAC has resulted in House Bills 2253, 2254, 2355 and 2356.

It is unclear the situation HB 2028 is attempting to address but what is clear, is there may be significant unintended consequences. HB 2028 runs contrary to the efforts of UGAC, in that it will hinder the ability of cities and special districts that provide urban services to efficiently deliver services and infrastructure. Another the likely result is interference with urban service agreements (USAs) under ORS 195.065. Finally, Section 3 of the Bill interferes with existing contractual rights and obligations between service providers and individuals receiving services.

For these reasons, we oppose this HB 2028.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely,

Jeannine Rustad,
Chair
Legislative and Policy Affairs Committee

cc: OAPA Board