State of Oregon House Bill 2456

Eastern Oregon Border Economic Development Board Testimony – February 7, 2019

Border Region County Comparison



- Total Land Area
 - Malheur County
 - 9,930 square miles
 - Payette County
 - 410 square miles
- 2017 Population Per Square Mile
 - Malheur County
 - 3.07 people
 - Payette County
 - 56.62 people

Current Inventory County Comparison

Border Region Land for Sale Comparison



January 2019 Homes for Sale ComparisonMalheur County = 48 homesPayette County = 60 homes

New Home Construction County Comparison

Number of New Homes Malheur County - Oregon
Payette County - Idaho

Border Region New Home Comparison

Call to Action

- Key takeaways for committee ---
 - The Border Region is unable to meet demand for rural residential housing.
 - This negatively impacts economic development, workforce attraction and retention, and tax base stability.
 - We live in the shadow of Idaho's booming growth and are at a tremendous disadvantage, made possible in large part by the relatively lax policies and regulations espoused in that state.