

I live in Eugene in an older 1950's developed neighborhood.. I love my neighborhood but I also understand that we need housing, but the housing in most demand is AFFORDABLE housing. HB 2001 does not address affordability and affordable housing does not happen on it's own. It has been shown that affordable housing will be torn down to create market rate housing. This leads to gentrification of these neighborhoods which not only drives those who can least afford, further out into areas that require more driving to engage with their lives, but also removes diversity from neighborhoods that make them interesting..

Removing parking requirements will not make people not have cars, even if those same people use mass transit or personal power to get to work, it will just clog streets with parked cars, more cars, which for those who drive will increase pollution in neighborhoods that used to have green space and trees that no longer have that.

Because this committee has identified this as "emergent", it means public involvement is limited (against Land Use Goal 1) by timing.. Those who work don't have the luxury of engaging the way paid lobbyist or employees of groups/companies that have lots to gain from this bill, can do...

This bill does not mention the increased infrastructure needs of doubling to quadrupling the number of people and cars in neighborhoods.

These seems like another one of those bills, not well and completely thought out, that notes "though shalt" but "you cities and counties have to figure out how to pay for it and make it equitable". It didn't really work out great when the mental hospitals were closed down and people were dumped into communities without the support.

It sure seems that a better approach is to actively work with cities and let cities actively work with it's citizens to figure out how to create the NEEDED housing (affordable housing) without destroying the very things that bring people to places.

I urge you to rethink this bill BEFORE it is passed, not AFTER.

Sincerely,  
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