

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB2001.

I opposed HB2001 because I believe planning is something best done at the local level. To take a broad brush and apply it to all of Oregon is going to destroy the individuality and character of all of our cities and towns. For example, development of townhouses may make sense in a more urban city and less sense in a town of 10,000 that has very little urban center. In addition, this broad brush zoning means that careful planning at the local level that integrates amenities, schools, transportation and other infrastructure will be thrown by the wayside. We will have homogenous upzoning which will cause traffic, livability and resource allocation issues. Let planners do their job!

HB2001 will benefit developers and their investors, because with the current pressure on Oregon real estate, what will be built will not be affordable housing. This bill does not even mention how affordable housing requirements will be implemented, even though the bill is being touted as addressing the housing crisis.

Losers will be the environment with the loss of embodied energy in everything that will be demolished, the character and community of our cities and towns, and people of lesser means who will be displaced from what they are able to afford and who will not be offered something equivalent.

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