

I am writing to OPPOSE HB 2001 for the following reasons:

1. This bill is a gross usurpation of local authority—it is the imposition of de-facto re-zoning of every neighborhood across the state of Oregon. Shame on House Speaker Tina Kotek for trying to slip this bill under the radar without any local input.
2. I believe that a legal challenge to this bill would succeed. Does the State of Oregon really want to get caught up in time consuming and costly litigation?
3. This bill will do NOTHING to help the affordable housing shortage in cities in Oregon. What it will absolutely do is ENRICH DEVELOPERS who stand to make huge profits. Why doesn't Speaker Kotek propose serious public investment in affordable housing? Who is she working for--middle class voters who can't pay their rent or afford to buy a house, or the developers? The answer is clear from HB 2001.

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