

Senator Fagan, other committee members:

SB 10 is a gross misuse of state powers to so drastically interfere in local zoning issues. To mandate that density be allowed at this level is destructive to the livability of Portland and other Oregon cities. FYI, distance from transit service is measured by Portland using a straight-line, as-the-crow-flies method. This ignores complete obstacles to actually accessing that service, such as due to freeways, RR yards, hills and cliffs, etc. Density should be encouraged in areas with existing infrastructure and transit service or where it can be efficiently added. This proposed scattershot approach is just bad planning – more accurately, not planning at all. As for affordability, this will encourage the demolition of the smaller, older houses in a neighborhood, to be replaced by multiple units that actual experience and academic studies have shown will each be more expensive than the original house.

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