

This testimony relates to the just published -11 amendments. I have previously testified in opposition to both the original bill and the -10 amendments. Nothing in these current amendments improves the core flaw of the bill. That is, it denies the rights of residents to participate in and influence planning for growth within their cities and neighborhoods. Middle housing can be accommodated in growth plans as Portland has done already. To force it into every neighborhood is unacceptable and unnecessary. The choices we all face are not an either/or situation. Single residence neighborhoods can be preserved that allow some increase in density. Middle housing types can be accommodated where there is sufficient infrastructure which includes public transit, safe walking, storm water management, sewer and access to parks and commercial services. This one size fits all forced lack of choice is inconsistent with Oregon's Land Use statutes that require public participation. And it is inconsistent with the particular features of cities and their local areas.

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