

Hello and Good Day,

Regarding SB534

It is unclear to me why this bill is being introduced. There are some unfortunate consequences of this proposed action which may not have been considered. Here is but one example;

A young family in NE Portland is seeking a place to call home to raise their family. Both partners grew up in Portland and want to continue to live there. Their incomes will support the mortgage, taxes and related expenses of a \$400,000 house. And this is a push. The young family is attracted to a house listed on a 50 by 100 lot. It is affordable. But wait. Come to find out this isn't on one 50 x 100 lot as listed but two 25 x 100 lots on one tax lot. What? This in itself is confusing. The affordable perfect house for the young family has become instead two building lots. With SB534 the State overrides the interest of the community. A developer looks not at the affordable single house on a typical lot but the potential for the ground it sits on. The developer buys the listing for \$400,000, demolishes the affordable house and builds two houses both of which will be sold for \$610,000.

Who gains from this? The tax base for the City of Portland for sure. Two tax lots where there once was one sounds like easy money. The developer too. Two new houses in a well-established neighborhood. Sweet deal, neighbors work endlessly to develop an appealing community and the developer cashes in.

Who loses from this? The young family seeking a place of their own in a city they love. No greater good is found here.

The lack of affordable housing and the impacts of gentrification is a problem in many Oregon cities. Please don't allow SB534 to complicate it further. Vote No SB534.

Living happily in one house on ~~two 25x85 lots~~ one 50x85 lot,

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