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My name is Bob Hart and I have 40 years background as a land use planner with 17 years on Josephine County Planning staff and 23 years as a private consultant. I was a staff member to help create the County Comprehensive Plan to meet State Goals. I agree with Rep Clem that a study of laws related to land use is needed. But LCDC is not the entity that needs to perform the study. An independently appointed committee needs to perform the study. A number of years ago a program called the Big Look Task Force was made to determine

how the Oregon Land Use Program was working. A very scripted program was sent through out

the state to verify how well the program worked. Citizens complained that the Big Look Task Force did not listen to the people but tried to create documents to support the existing program.

An effort to launch a pilot project in response to the complaints was made but was stopped by Senator Courtney. A program for a pilot study mandated by the Governor was funded to have a

three county evaluation to look at a regional analysis of farm and forest land as well as non resource land to determine if regional diversity could be implemented. I attended 90% of all meetings in all three counties to monitor and provide input. DLCD staff managed the project and

seemed to be dead set against the program. The final result was about \$300,000 was spent and no

changes were made or even attempted.

The proposal to have LCDC study the land use program would in my opinion would be a waste

of funds with no improvement to the land use program in Oregon. I would oppose the Bill as drafted but support an independent study as we have major land use problems in the form of homelessness, unaffordable housing, lack of infrastructure and an authoritarian system than does

not respond to regions problems. It appears from my experience that DLCD is overly restrictive

of rural lands and very cavalier about leaving cities do what they want while creating a no-mans

land of urban growth areas. I urge you to amend the Bill or stop it now before more resources are

wasted that does not fix the land use problems but maintains the status quo.

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