



Re: HB 3072

March 2, 2021

Dear Representatives,

The Oregon Land And Water Alliance is a 501c3 organization in the greater Sisters area and throughout Deschutes County. In brief, OLAWA works in the public interest to support the Rule of Law with an emphasis on public natural resource management and the conservation of our public water and scenic beauty. I am the Vice President of OLAWA, and I am authorized by our Board of Directors to submit this public testimony in opposition to HB 3072 on behalf of our organization and its members.

In a nutshell, our view is that House Bill 3072 is just the latest attempt by Oregon Land Use Law opponents to justify more and more urban sprawl.

House Bill 3072 seeks to **mandate** each and every local government to:

1. Amend its Urban Growth Boundary to include resource lands within any urban reserve upon petition from a landowner,
2. Amend its Comprehensive Plan to allow both commercial and residential uses on such lands,
3. Amend its Zoning and other land use regulations to allow the siting of commercial and residential uses on such lands,

House Bill 3072 also seeks to **forbid** every local government as well as the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) from imposing any additional criteria for amending or approving these mandated extensions of Urban Growth Boundaries.

And House Bill 3072 also attempts to *forbid* every local government from prohibiting the extension of urban services to land eligible to be included within such an expanded urban growth boundary.

Both local discretion and local control are sacrificed under this bill, as well as any type of oversight by the state land use authorities otherwise charged to monitor such development proposals.

This is not good public policy methodology under any circumstances, no matter what the overarching public policy goal might be. Instead, it would be micromanagement by the legislature of issues better left to the local governments and our state regulatory authorities, DLCD and LCDC, which were specifically established for that purpose.

And in the claimed pursuit of a single public policy goal, HB 3072 seeks to do wholesale damage to other important and longstanding Oregon public policy goals by extending urban sprawl onto resource lands on a wholesale basis throughout the State of Oregon.

Please vote no on HB 3072 for all of the reasons set forth above.

Thank you for your public service and for considering the concerns of OLAWA and its members.

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