

Dear Members of the House Committee on Housing:

I strongly oppose HB 3072. It is a bad bill that ignores the public process, ignores our land use laws, and ignores cities' responsibility to provide housing where people want to live.

This law puts foremost what a private landowner wants to do, not what a public process would allow all to decide. Moreover, there is no definition of what "commercial development supportive of workforce" means. That does not sound like housing to me.

This law moves directly on to urban reserve land and ignores the UGB. Also, much good farmland is not just high-value farmland. I am a co-owner of a 475 acre farm in the Willamette Valley and we farm all the land, not just what is Class 1 and 2. Soil and water are finite and should be saved whenever possible.

Cities need to take responsibility to look within their UGB, where people wish to live.

Finally, let's see how the Bend and Redmond pilot project for a 50 acre UGB expansion for housing works before we hand this bill into developers' "whatever you want" gift.

Vote No on HB 3072. Thank you

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