



March 15, 2021

HB 3040-1

Letter in Opposition

Dear Members of the House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity:

I am writing in opposition to HB 3040-1. Cave Junction is a small city in rural Josephine County. Every new structure adds to the burden on our public works infrastructure and Local System Development Charges are one of the few resources our city has to pay for increased capacity costs. Do you really think that developers are going to lower the cost for a new home to reflect the SDCs they didn't have to pay. SDCs need to go into the city's bank account not the developer's pocket, because it is the city that bears the burden new growth has on public infrastructure. Deferring SDC charges would raise our administrative costs because we do not have the resources or capacity to track when a sale happens and then follow through with the SDC collection process. Where is the consequence if a new owner homeowner doesn't pay the SDC charges? This bill puts the burden unfairly on the city.

Please give serious consideration to the negative impact HB 3040-1 would have on our community.

Sincerely

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