

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to allow a member of the public to voice his support of SB-391

In the past year the Covid-19 pandemic, my goal is to keep the family safe and with-in our own "bubble". We recently lost our patriarch Arthur Dillon to complications from Covid-19. With the uncertainty of the future due to this pandemic, we would like to essentially build our own family bubble.

Our family has called Oregon home since the 1840's, and the Willamette Valley home since the 1920's. I want to keep this rich family history here in Oregon.

With the new bill allowing second home on the land, it would not only allow for this but give greater access to the hillside and neighboring properties in the event a wildfire was to threaten the Chezem Valley.

I know there are many that feel new growth would create more potential of wildfires, but if land management restricts were included, this could greatly aid in the clearing of under bush and dead vegetation.

As a family we are not looking to clear cut the land but keep it forest (unlike neighboring properties where long-term family owners have sold the land). We only wish to keep it as the beautiful Oregon wilderness that we all love.

The property has been with the family since the 1960's, and our goal (upon the recent passing of my grandparents/ current listed owners) is to keep it within the family. For myself, I am the solo remaining local family member, and I would love to be able to build a home for myself and my two children.

The property is located at 85183 Chezem Road, 97405; tax lot #1804270001600. It is currently zoned as an RR-10 per Lane County Records. The goal would be to build further up the hill or on the top half of the property.

Through research of other counties in Oregon, areas zoned farmland already allows for a 1-time grant of a lot reduction for the ability to build a second home (with certain restrictions). But there is currently nothing similar for areas zoned Rural Residential.

From a public recommendation, looking at both plans in combination would have the ability to standardize land management and second dwellings.

I know previously, I have researched the possibility of building a second home on the property and either hit dead ends or due to an old statute regarding an RR-10 hit additional roadblocks. Prior to moving to the House, an early draft did remove the size requirements, which would thus more easily allow for a true second family dwelling.

We as a family are hopeful though, that due partially to the recent pandemic and the unknown of the state of the world moving forward, there might be a way to work with the county to make our dream and reality.

I do thank you for your time and consideration.

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