

Submitter: Bobbee Murr

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing

Measure: HB4118

No on HB 4118 -1 Amendment (in support of the position of 1000 Friends of Oregon):

The scope is much too broad to handle any one of the listed issues in an effective way. The scattershot of issues includes housing, manufacturing, industrial land, infrastructure, natural hazards, and more.

It describes a multitude of possible tools to be evaluated, each of which could also merit its own task force, including “state funding and tax abatement for infrastructure investments;” change to statutes and rules; urban growth boundaries; infrastructure for large-scale industrial uses; and more.

The task force membership is skewed towards landowners, developers, and local governments.

Certain task force “slots” are narrowly worded in ways that are clearly meant for specific interests to fill them, yet that is not transparent to the public.

The bill language indicates a bias for single-family housing zoning, an attempt to undermine middle housing and higher density housing, and a push towards expanding UGBs.

The task force lacks the expertise that one would bring together for any one of these issues.