

**From the Desk of Senator Michael Dembrow**



**VOTE NO ON HB 3414 B**

HB 3414 B overrides land use Goal 10, which requires cities to look at the housing needs of their communities and provide for that housing. Instead the bill as amended gives private developers land at the UGB edge for primarily lower-density, market-rate housing.

The bill distracts from taking real actions to provide needed housing. We have many thousands of acres of undeveloped residential lands inside our UGBs, but they lack infrastructure – pipes, roads, sidewalks, and such. We need to invest in making these lands development-ready. And we need to convert tens of thousands of acres now in underused parking lots and strip malls to housing.

We all agree that we need a multi-prong approach to ensuring we provide the diverse and affordable housing that Oregonians need, and that includes looking at land supply. **The legislature already committed to doing that in HB 2001, passed earlier this session. Land supply and streamlining of the UGB process will be looked at in a transparent, inclusive process, and changes will be made that also include land readiness.**

**HB 3414 B is also contrary to Oregon's climate goals.** Allowing UGBs to expand with sprawling development means more driving, more heat-island-producing roads and parking lots, and more paving of natural areas that sequester carbon.

**HB 3414 B increases wildfire risk to Oregonians in their communities.** Thanks to our compact cities and towns, we have not sprawled as much into the wildland-urban interface, where people, homes, and firefighters are at risk. California and other western neighbors, in contrast, have done just that – which both increases the chances of wildfires and puts more lives and structures at risk of burning. **Any UGB expansion must thoughtfully take into account wildfire risk.**

We urge you to vote “NO” on HB 3414 B:

**Oregon League of Conservation Voters  
1000 Friends of Oregon  
Central Oregon Landwatch  
League of Women Voters of Oregon  
Oregon Conservation Network**