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The amendment to House Bill 3414, which would allow all cities in Oregon a one-time expansion of their urban growth boundaries (UGBs) while bypassing our land use laws. Goal 14 and UGBs are not the reason Oregon has a housing shortage – we know this because there is plenty of land with potential already available within our UGBs. Overriding Goal 14, however, would encourage cities to spread outward with largely unaffordable housing. More so, it would also mean that cities do not need to show that they have done all they reasonably can to meet the diverse and affordable housing needs of residents inside UGBs, close to where people work, go to school, and shop – key ingredients to building healthy, livable neighborhoods.