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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

I urge you to reject the dash-17 amendment to HB 3414.

Allowing cities to expand their urban growth boundaries (UGBs) without considering land-use planning just spreads unaffordable suburbia, with its concomitant increase in traffic and air pollution, need for infrastructure, and fire risk. At the same time, it would remove incentives to use the sufficient land already within UGBs, including excess parking.

We need incentives for infill, not more paving, destruction of farmland, and incursion on wildlife habitat. Denser cities are more livable than sprawling ones.

This amendment is a boondoggle at the behest of homebuilders. Don't let them evade the land-use process for which Oregon is justly famous. Reject this amendment.