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Urban reserves plan to request an urban growth boundary (UGB) expansion while bypassing land use laws. Oregon needs more affordable housing, and experts know this need can be met within our UGBs. SB 1051's loopholes encourage development at the expense of healthy, well-resourced, equitable communities.

SB 1051 undermines the sensible planning tool of urban reserves by allowing premature UGB expansion.

SB 1051 undermines cities' urban reserve planning processes.

SB 1051 is contrary to the urban reserve provisions in HB 2001, just passed by the House by a large and bipartisan margin.

SB 1051 risks distracting cities from more effective, comprehensive housing solutions.

SB 1051 risks "bait and switch."

These UGB expansions will be driven by individual private landowners, not a public process.

Cities under 3,500 in population could expand into an urban reserve for any use.

The current land use process to expand UGBs works quickly. Please spend your time and energy on encouraging town/cities to expand within their UGB by building up.