



Statement of the Oregon Land And Water Alliance on HB 3569

My name is Paul Lipscomb, and I live in the Cloverdale area outside of Sisters, OR. I am the Vice President of OLAWA, the Oregon Land And Water Alliance. The Oregon Land And Water Alliance is a 501c3 organization, and its purpose is to educate the public to promote and protect the Rule of Law on all local issues relating to land and water use as well as fish and wildlife. I have been authorized to present this testimony in opposition to this bill on behalf of OLAWA.

It is not an exaggeration to say that this bill, at least in its present form, is a full scale attack on Oregon's longstanding land use planning laws that began 50 years ago with Senate Bill 100, and have been effective protections from rampant over-development for the past 50 years.

Increasing Oregon's affordable housing is an important social goal, but this aggressive bill would simply "throw the baby out with the bath water."

Section 3 (2) of the bill would set aside any application of "ORS chapter 195, 197A, 215, or 227 or any other provision of this chapter, any statewide land use planning goal, rule of the Land Conservation and Development Commission or local land use regulation, zoning ordinance, regional framework plan, functional plan or comprehensive plan"

And, whenever residential development is involved, it also forbids any local government from holding a hearing on any application for proposed housing development. In fact, it would even forbid any kind public input either before or after approval; not even from the local neighbors nor from any local government officials.

Moreover, there would not be any possible appeal. Section (8) provides that: "A final decision made under this section is not a land use decision as defined in ORS 197.015 (10), and may be appealed only by the applicant and only in the manner set forth in ORS 34.10 to 34.100."

HB 3569 is not just a full-scale repudiation of residential land use planning in Oregon. It is also an attack on any and all forms of local control. And, even more importantly, HB 3569 is an attack on the public's right to be heard.

Pease vote "NO" on HB 3569.

And thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

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