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HB 2127 Land Conservation and Development Commission Study to Abolish-Oppose0

Chair Helm, Vice-Chairs Hartman, and Owens

The Marion County Democrats Legislative Committee thanks you for this opportunity to submit testimony. We oppose the underlying bill HB 2127 and want to put on record our displeasure with one of our representative in having it drafted.

As we celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the passage of SB 100 Oregon's groundbreaking land use system we most strongly oppose this bill.

The underlying bill would mandate LCDC to spend money studying a system that is highly regarded by many Oregon citizens, including many in the state representatives house district.

During the middle 1990's there was a large group of individuals who spent many hours participating in a City of Salem discussion and study of the land use and housing needs of the area. It was called "Salem Futures." There were public outreach events that were well attended. At every event the majority of people were not in favor of expanding Salem's Urban Growth boundary to accommodate sprawl.

Oregon's land use laws have prevented the before and after pictures of Orange County California in Oregon. We do not want to see the fertile soil of the Willamette Valley covered by concrete and cars. We do not want LCDC abolished nor should the circuit court dockets be cluttered with land use cases which can be decided by a board familiar with land use laws.

Please oppose this bill in its original form.

Marion County Democrats Legislative Committee