

Opposition to HB3458A

I am strongly opposed to HB3458A because it authorizes quite substantive changes in our land use laws that would ensue from individual decisions by local governments. Such changes in Oregon's basic approach to land use should be made by the legislature, whereas this bill merely opens the door to changes that the local government might find necessary to accomplish another goal.

We in Deschutes County have found it necessary to appeal to LUBA on far too many occasions, and this bill would severely hamper our ability to do that. While I understand that sometimes the appeals process can take too long, this bill shifts the balance too far to the other side and would allow unwise projects to proceed without LUBA review.