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

Please oppose HB 3414 and choose to work towards stronger protections for the environment, whether in rural or metropolitan locations. Under HB 3414, a housing developer could bypass regulations designed to protect trees, wetlands, and floodplains. Developers could encroach on the Willamette River Greenway and environmental zones, and build in ways that completely disregard the impacts to their neighborhoods and neighbors. HB 3414 allows them to do this regardless of whether they are building affordable housing or giant mansions. We can, and must, do better. Proposed amendments may address some of these impacts, but even in a best case scenario, this bill will still result in a massive rollback of environmental protections that have been put in place over the past several decades.