

## **Please amend Senate Bill 1537**

Gov. Kotek's initiative is timely and a much needed catalyst. Most of the provisions in the bill are excellent, with one *notable* exception, the unnecessary expansion of the UGB.

The current bill includes a UGB expansion that sidesteps Oregon's land use laws. Meeting the intention and specific goals of this bill CAN, with some creativity and innovative design, be met while maintaining communities UGB's. Support for innovative and even regenerative urban planning could/should be incorporated into this bill.

I sincerely hope Gov. Kotek and other lawmakers do not wish to be complicit in promoting urban sprawl which only enriches developers while impoverishing communities and the planet.

The bottom line is, NO to unnecessary UGB expansion loopholes that push already-marginalized people farther from their communities and resource networks