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Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2316

I understand housing is a timely issue, but let's be smart about it. HB 2316 would disregard our sensitive natural areas that Oregon has built a national reputation on. Sprawl housing development, outside UGBs on public lands, is expensive, adversely impacts natural resources, and does not meet our housing needs. We should look at surplus public lands inside UGBs for housing development – where people can walk to school, see their neighborhood doctor, pick up produce from the corner grocer, and live within a thriving community. Lands outside our cities and towns will require significant infrastructure costs to become viable for development, and this bill would unnecessarily burden the state with those costs – before housing is even built. There are smarter, more affordable ways to build housing.