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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2422

Please oppose this bill, which would allow counties to bypass essential land use planning processes, and which could more than double the density of certain rural lands.

HB 2422 undermines Oregon's land use laws by permitting case-by-case upzoning without comprehensive planning. This unchecked expansion would strain infrastructure, increase water demand, and threaten the viability of farms and forests. Let wiser planning via the regular state land use system prevail, instead of counties determining their own rules. Land use planning should be done by State experts based on criteria applicable to all counties.