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On Behalf Of: LANDWATCH LANE COUNTY
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2422

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee -

I work tirelessly, and have for the past 20+ years, to protect Oregon's land use laws from the constant threats that would transition our lovely state from one that recognizes beauty to one that exploits it's beauty for money on behalf of special development interests and their lobbyists.

HB 2422 is intended to urbanize rural areas and recharacterize 'rural', orchestrating an end run around Goal 14. The anti land use lobbyists responsible for this bill have, over the years, honed their strategy to punch holes into Oregon's land use laws because they've learned that the wholesale approach of just throwing the damn stuff out isn't very popular.

This bill authorizes thousands of acres of 1-acre suburban like subdivision development outside urban growth boundaries, and purposely ignores Oregon's long standing efforts to conserve rural lands and communities. The Bill will of course result in ever-increasing demands for urban services, to be paid by county taxpayers of course, and will most likely increase risks to groundwater supplies, put more people and property at risk from flooding and wildfire and inevitably interfere with farming and forestry on adjacent and nearby lands.

The lobbyists won't mention this, but it is no secret that housing built in rural areas today is expensive - luxury type McMansions that contribute to rural gentrification and displacement of actual rural uses rather than recharacterized urban uses.

For all these reasons, please find a way to say NO, not in Oregon, to this destructive bill.

Thank you for time.