

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2400.

I have lived in Oregon most of my life and attribute the high quality of life here in part to the land use laws implemented over the past several decades. I am concerned that HB 2400 is not in accord with positive land use practices in the state. HB 2400, whether intentionally or not, could clearly be used to allow agricultural and forest lands to be financially exploited for non agricultural or forest uses. The damage would spread beyond the individual properties used to build additional homes. There are already several ways for farmers and foresters to accommodate necessary housing on their properties without adding the resale opportunities stated in HB 2400.

Please vote against HB 2400.

Thank you.

John White