



Statement of OLAWA, the Oregon Land And Water Alliance

In opposition to House Bill 2400

My name is Paul Lipscomb, and I live in the Cloverdale area outside of Sisters, Oregon. I am the Vice President of OLAWA, the Oregon Land and Water Alliance. The Oregon Land and Water Alliance is a 501c3 organization, and its purpose is to educate the public to promote and protect the Rule of Law on all local issues relating to land and water use as well as fish and wildlife. I have been authorized to present this testimony in opposition of this bill on behalf of OLAWA, and its Board of Directors.

House Bill 2400 is a wolf in sheep's clothing.

Purportedly in the interest of adding additional low income housing for family members of rural property owners outside of an urban growth boundary, Section (4) of this bill specifically exempts any future purchaser of any rural lot or parcel with a newly constructed second dwelling established under this bill from having to comply with the "family member" occupancy requirements otherwise established in Sections (2)(b) and (3) of this bill.

Accordingly, an additional dwelling established under this bill no longer would need to be occupied by a family member. Instead, the future occupancy of the property, including the second dwelling, could be occupied by anyone, and its footprint could then be expanded to satisfy even the McMansion desires of the new owners.

This is a bad bill that deserves to die in committee. Thank you for your consideration of our views on this issue.

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