

To: House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
From: Aileen Kaye
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Re: "No" on HB 2316

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

I hope you will vote "**no**" on HB 2316 which allows DAS to designate state lands for homes for sale to first-time home owners and OHCS to designate locally identified land for homes for sale to lower income home owners. Designated lands are exempt from land use laws and, for five years, exempt from tax based on the value of the land.

I am a longtime member of the Oregon Farm Bureau, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Friends of Marion County, and more recently Friends of Family Farmers and Ag for Oregon. I have been a horse owner for 45 years, so I care deeply about keeping rural lands rural.

I urge a "no" vote on this bill because it totally goes against Oregon's land use laws, increases fire danger, will cost a fortune in infrastructure, would destroy flora and fauna habitat, will cause the need for new roads and increase car travel. **It frankly reminds me of an idea from the 1800's taken from the Kevin Costner land rush movie, "Horizon"!**

There is plenty of unused state land and buildings inside the UGB now that can be used for housing units or houses! I urge a "no" vote on HB 2316.