

Submitter: Amy Houchen

On Behalf Of:

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 House Committee on Housing and Homelessness,

I urge you to oppose HB 2422.

This bill would allow density on certain rural lands to increase from 2.5 acres per house to 1 acre per house without going through land use processes. Hence it has the potential to more than double the population density in what are supposedly rural lands--turning them into sprawling suburbia, with its attendant traffic and infrastructure issues.

Oregon is known and envied for its land-use planning laws, which seek to preserve the farm and forest lands we need for two of the state's biggest industries. This bill is a blatant end-run around that law, and should be rejected.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Amy Houchen