

Good afternoon: Madam Chair, Vice Chair Anderson, Vice Chair Breese-Iverson and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing me to speak to you today. I am speaking today on behalf of my family's support of House Bill 2400.

I have read some of the comments in the letters that were submitted to you in opposition to this bill. Many of them are 'form letters' and make comments such as 'there is no need for this bill because there are 6 or 7 other options for people like myself to be able to build on my property. This is **completely untrue**.

My name is Tami Beaty. My husband and I live on a 5-acre farm in Clackamas County. We have two children. I am the only child of wonderful, independent, baby boomer era parents. More about them later...

I have a big heart for helping my community. My husband and I lead a free dental clinic every year to help many in our community with their dental needs. This year will be our 7th year providing these much-needed services in our community. I also organize a mobile mammography clinic three times a year for the women in our community.

As you know, Oregon is a sanctuary state for those seeking to find a new life in America. This has caused some growing pains in our state. Especially related to the current housing crisis. I have seen first-hand how the state is prioritizing our homeless population's needs regarding the current housing crisis. The state is striving to build more affordable housing complexes, making laws that allow a 2nd residence on a city lot, etc. This housing crisis is not only affecting the homeless in our state but also affecting all the rest of us, our young adults, young families and our seniors.

My family is an example of this. My parents that I mentioned earlier, have been looking to buy a country home near our location for years. However, it is very expensive to live here, they have not been able to find a home to buy.

As my parents get older (80 this year), I will be the one caring for them when they need me in the years to come. I will not be putting them in assisted living or a nursing home. We are a very

close family. We all want to live close to each other yet allow for my parents' independence as well. This has not been a reality for us due to the building laws in Oregon.

I have considered housing options that are legal in Oregon for my parents to live on our property:

1. Building onto our home. This doesn't allow for independence for my parents or our family to live independently. This is not a viable option for our family.
2. I could ask the county for a hardship permit; however, our home sits on a flag lot and our driveway doesn't have the clearance to be able to deliver and site a manufactured home on our property, due to the structures standing on our property currently.
3. Another newer housing option would be to build an ADU on our property. However, my parents really require more than 900 sq ft living space. And the requirement of an ADU being built a certain amount of feet from our house would not be a viable option either due to the current buildings we have on our property.

I have a couple questions:

What about those of us living outside the urban growth boundary in this state that have more than enough space to build a home for our baby boomer parents?

Do we matter too?

It seems that our state is deaf when it comes to those of us living outside the urban growth boundary. There are hundreds or perhaps thousands of people just like my parents who need a law like HB 2400 that allows them to build a home on extended family-owned property.

Please be our voice...please vote in support of HB2400.