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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2400

HB 2400 Testimony for 250210

Chair Marsh

Vice Chair Breese-Iverson

Vice Chair Andersen

Committee Members

I am here today to oppose HB 2400. Language in this bill essentially promotes sprawl into rural communities and subsection (4) allows nearly no restrictions once sold to a new owner after a brief period. This form of unilateral defacto rezoning flies directly in the face of longstanding land laws and overlooks several factors that endanger rural living. These would include ground water shortages, possible well contamination by over taxed septic systems, addition wear and tear on utility and transportation systems, and potential increase fire risk.

This bill also doesn't solve any low-cost housing issues which should be the committee's sole interest at this time. These provisions will quickly be utilized to benefit the wealthy and continue to drive up the cost of housing in rural Oregon. It also promotes a larger carbon footprint by forgoing the compact city model for on that encourages sprawl.

Thank you for your time.