

HB 2422 Testimony for 250210

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I am here today to oppose HB 2422. This action will considerably undermine the land use planning goals Oregon has relied on for over 50 years to protect our environment and quality of life. Oregon has prevailed against rampant land speculation only due to the efforts of its citizens to oppose efforts such as HB 2422. It meets none of our goal and encourages sprawl with no concern for the potential damage and cost to tax payers.

If effected areas rely on ground water older residence will be the first affected by shortages. Wells risk contamination by septic systems on smaller and smaller lots. If municipal systems are extended to serve these area, massive tax burdens and increased fees will be required rather than expanding within current UGB's. Utility and transportation usage will also rase costs for new denser housing into rural areas, and more people increases fire risk within these areas will already taxed systems.

This is yet another attempt to undercut Oregon's land use system by speculators preaching the language of lower cost housing. These homes are on an acre and therefore represent high cost homes that benefit the rich while increasing the tax burden on the citizens at large that will have little to no potential to benefit from these changes.

Thank you for your time.