

HB 2316 Testimony for 250210

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I am here today to oppose HB 2316. This bill is yet another attempt by land speculators to take Oregon lands for their own benefit. It has minimal safeguards to protect forest land and wildlife habitat. It encourages sprawl into rural areas and threatens public lands.

The bill places the governance into the authority of the Department of Administrative services and has demonstrated a lack of ability with current staffing to meet its current responsibilities and yet this will further degrade the needed actions of the department.

It also goes against the efforts to focus on compact cities that can support low-income families with additional services and increases the carbon footprint to more rural areas. These transportation costs mean the land will find a way into the hands of speculators for profiteering at the cost of Oregon's Rural communities.

Thank you for your time.