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This seems like a PHENOMENALLY bad idea to me. It doesn't take into consideration AT ALL how the house is being used - how many people live in it? How many rooms do you need? Do you have people with special needs or who are wheelchair-bound or need more accessibility? All of these are serious considerations that CANNOT be arbitrarily decided FOR us, but need to be decided by the users and owners of the home. Increasingly, people are moving home because it's impossible for a single adult to make a living with such high inflation rates - I know people in their 30s who have had to move back home because of costs. What about them? Do they not deserve their own room?

And this is on top of the HUGE rights issue this is in the first place. You own the property, you should have the rights to build on it what you want, as long as it's within legal rules, such as zoning regulations. The idea that someone has the right to tell you what kind of house you can build, and what size, is a ridiculous overreach that needs to be stopped RIGHT NOW. 2500 sq feet WILL NOT accommodate many families. There is a bottom end to what you can consider a house - minimum requirements. A house of 2500 sq ft is likely pushing some of those boundaries if you are talking about square footage per person in a multi-person family. This is something that needs serious consideration, and MUCH more than just legislation.

I know there's a movement toward "You Will Own Nothing, and You Will Be Happy", but you seriously need to consider that human beings are not interchangeable cogs. And you should not be forcing people to live as YOU want them to live, but rather, to have them live the lives suited for them. Why is it so hard for people to stay out of everyone else's business these days? Good grief, leave the people alone!