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On Behalf Of:

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I STRONGLY OPPOSE such a vague and cryptic bill regarding land use!!

The bill does not provide sufficient clarity on the specific goals or parameters of the proposed study. Public health impacts of land use are vast and multifaceted, ranging from air quality and access to green spaces, to housing density and transportation. Without clear guidelines, the study risks becoming overly broad or unfocused, resulting in inconclusive findings or the misallocation of resources. Further, the bill's broad scope could lead to recommendations that are unrealistic, impractical, or fail to take into account the local context and unique needs of different communities.

If the study leads to new regulations or requirements based on its findings, it could impose significant costs and compliance burdens on local governments and businesses, particularly in rural or underserved areas. These costs could disproportionately affect smaller municipalities that lack the resources to fully comply with new mandates. A one-size-fits-all approach to land use and public health may not be appropriate for all regions in Oregon, and this bill may exacerbate inequities rather than address them.

Local governments and regional planning entities must be able to adapt quickly to the changing needs of their communities. By requiring a state-level study and subsequent reporting to the legislature, this bill could result in unnecessary delays in land use decision-making. It could undermine the flexibility that local governments need to respond to urgent issues such as affordable housing, transportation infrastructure, and environmental sustainability, all of which have significant public health implications.

Please VOTE NO on yet another horrible piece of legislation.