



ROSEBURG URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY

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Chair Marsh

Members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

Oregon State Capitol

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Chair Marsh, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Jim Baird, the General Manager for Roseburg Urban Sanitary Authority (RUSA). I would like to express my support for HB 3921 and thank the sponsors for introducing this critical, and very important bill approving an Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) exchange for the City of Roseburg.

RUSA was formed in 1983, merging three sewer agencies to establish a regional sewer agency to serve the City of Roseburg and the surrounding area included in the urban growth boundary. The Charter Oaks area has been included in every planning effort from 1964 to the present. This area has been identified as an integral part of the future growth of the Roseburg community. The lands that are included in the exchange that would revert to county zoning and development standards are very challenging to develop to urban standards due to the steep topography. The area that is in the Charter Oaks area consists of much gentler slopes.

Considering the City of Roseburg 2019 Housing Needs Analysis, RUSA has partnered with the city to encourage the development of multifamily housing and to date approximately 340 additional apartments have been constructed. The UGB exchange is just another of the city's efforts to meet the housing needs of our community. RUSA was established and tasked to be an advocate for the orderly development of our community. The Charter Oaks area has been studied numerous times and would fit into the orderly expansion of sewer service for the Roseburg area. The passing of this bill will allow the city to meet a portion of the housing needs for the near future.

If I can answer any questions, please contact me at 541-627-1551 or jbaird@rusa-or.org.

Respectfully,

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