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Please do not pass this bill. Note that existing law allows ANY number of non voting members from ANY professions to be appointed. Let the jurisdictions make these appointments if they feel they are necessary, allow for local control, do not mandate this change.

Please also look at these statistics. Although less than 1% of employed Americans are real estate professionals, the allowed percentage of real estate interests on Planning Commissions are 40% on 5 member Commissions (existing law), 29% on 7 member Commissions (to change to 57% if this bill passes) and 22% on 9 member Commissions (to change to 44%). This is a carve out benefit for the real estate industry ONLY, the bill retains the 2 maximum for ALL other professions. The real estate industry will control Planning Commissions in Oregon if this bill passes. This is an extreme over representation now, and to increase it is clearly discriminatory. Please insure representation on Planning Commissions correctly represents the constituents they are supposed to serve.