

Submitter: Melinda Montgomery
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3971

Good Morning Chair Bowman, Vice Chair Drazan and Pham and committee members. My name is Melinda Montgomery, and I'm a teacher in Lane County, speaking in opposition to House Bill 3971.

As an educator, I teach my students the importance of accountability and learning from mistakes. Yet, House Bill 3971 seems to reward the opposite. It appears Lane County made a grave error in purchasing property for the CleanLane project, a decision that led to their loss in the local land use proceeding. Instead of accepting this outcome, the county is appealing to the Land Use Board of Appeals while simultaneously pushing this legislation to circumvent their mistake.

This bill undermines the local land use process, which exists to protect our communities and ensure fair decision-making. Allowing Lane County to bypass established procedures sets a dangerous precedent, eroding trust in our systems. Our students deserve to see leaders take responsibility, not seek loopholes. I urge you to reject House Bill 3971 and uphold the integrity of our local land use decisions. Please DO NOT reward these petulant children who DID NOT do their homework and research this boondoggle of a project! Reject this proposal. Thank you.