



I urge you to vote NO on HB4113, a bill that would allow one privileged developer to bypass Oregon land use laws in order to build housing on 250 acres outside an urban growth boundary someplace in our state, with almost no restrictions.

The scale of the development to be permitted is very concerning. If you authorize putting 2,000+ people on the rural landscape, you will be creating huge problems with wildfire safety, traffic, wildlife migrations, and the right to farm.

In addition, this legislative fiat calls into question the roles of cities and counties to manage and control demands for utilities and other services.

Please remember that a similar exemption was granted 17 years ago, as a way to enable protecting the Metolius River Basin as an 'area of state concern.' Yet in all this time, the exemption was not used. The legislature granted five extensions and yet there was no progress made in using them. It's time to call a halt.

HB4113 is a huge giveaway to one developer without adequate controls over the results. It is unfair and unwise, plus it is an end run of Oregon's established land use process.

Please vote no on the zombie exemption in HB4113.

Thank you for considering our views on this bad bill.

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