

Chairman Marsh, Vice Chairman Andersen, members of the Housing and Homelessness Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in **OPPOSITION** to HB 3921.

My name is Shelley Wetherell. I was born in Roseburg and have lived 70-plus years in the area. I am aware of the efforts over the years to expand the Roseburg UGB into the Charter Oaks area. I am a fourth-generation farmer and as a farmer I want the towns and cities in Oregon to be the most prosperous and desirable places to live so that non-farmers and their families will choose to reside in the towns and cities leaving the farmland for farmers to farm.

The Oregon Legislature should not override the legal process for any controversial local land use proposal. I would hope that my legislature would spend my tax dollars enacting laws that benefit all the people of Oregon not just those with the most money and influence. If the UGB expansion or swap process needs changes to make it more equitable, then work on legislation for that purpose, but please do not meddle in any specific town's proposal.

Roseburg has tried and failed to meet the threshold to expand into the Charter Oaks area before. This time in trying to find a way around previous obstacles, Roseburg has chosen the less rigorous avenue of a UGB swap in lieu of an UGB expansion. If you are inclined to think this bill might be an okay proposal, I would encourage you to at least look at the objections to the swap from the affected community members and allow those in opposition to have their due process as provided by existing rules and statutes.

Citizen participation is the backbone and the "checks and balances" of Oregon's successful land use system. It allows the residents of a community in addition to those speculating for financial gain to have an influence over how their neighborhoods grow and develop.

Please do not move HB3921 forward.

Thank you.



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