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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2316

Please oppose this bill, which is probably worst of the current land use bills being proposed. HB 2316 disregards Oregon's land use policies by prioritizing development on public

lands which lack existing infrastructure. People needing first homes outside urban areas are unlikely to afford wells and septic systems, which have become more and more costly. If urban water and sewers were extended beyond urban boundaries, it would burden the state or cities with unnecessary expenses, while threatening valuable natural and recreational areas. Rather than expanding development into sensitive landscapes, Oregon should prioritize surplus public lands within UGBs, where infrastructure already exists and where housing can be integrated into existing communities. That is the basis for the wise planning which has kept Oregon with reduced sprawl and a leader in agriculture and recreation.

This bill is an irresponsible approach to housing policy/