

Please reject SB391.

Oregon's rural areas were designed to be small communities that support our working farms and forests. This bill threatens rural communities with suburban sprawl.

SB391 would:

Increase wildfire risk

Contribute to climate change

Threaten the viability of working farms

Stress infrastructure such as roads, utilities, water, public services, schools, and health care systems

Create expense to nearby cities and towns for power, utilities, water, response services, and other infrastructure

This bill will not create affordable housing.

Growth in Oregon should occur inside Urban Growth Boundaries, not in rural sprawl.

Please reject SB391 in order to protect Oregon's land use planning laws, farms, forests, and rural areas.

Thank you,

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