



February 7, 2022

Sen. Kayse Jama, Chair and Committee Members
Senate Committee on Housing and Development
State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Opposition to SB 1537 - Modifies requirements for housing cost impact statement required for adoption of certain rules

Dear Sen. Jama and Committee Members

Friends of Marion County is an independent 501(c)(3) farmland protection organization founded in 1998. Our mission is to protect farm and forestland, parks, and open space.

We oppose SB 1537 because the bill

- (1) expands the number of affected agencies and requires undefined and complex assessments,
- (2) does not evaluate the costs or benefits of these newly adopted or removed rules and
- (3) interferes with the previous session's bills that are not fully implemented or evaluated (i.e., SB 762 wildfire).

We urge you to reject SB 1537and thanks for listening.

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