

SB 391

Oregon Legislature

I think if SB 391 is approved it is critical that it be passed with provisions that will provide additional affordable housing without increasing costs to surrounding cities, towns, and residents.

The bill needs to ensure that an ADU provides affordable housing, not a vacation rental.

I support requiring that ADUs be permitted only on property with an existing primary residence and that the property must be at least 5-acres.

These limitations will mitigate increasing wildfire risk caused by increased development. Limiting the additional ADUs to larger lots will reduce the impact of overburdening infrastructure.

I live between Bend and Redmond and chose to live here because I enjoy the rural environment. Adding additional development will erode the farmland and rural environment without a guarantee that it will increase affordable housing. Don't destroy the environment that makes Oregon great.

Automobile transportation is necessary when living in rural areas and that reduces the affordability of rural housing. The total cost of ownership should be considered when providing affordable housing, not just the cost of the living unit.

I don't think adding ADUs to rural areas is a good solution to increase affordable housing, but if you continue to support SE 391 please ensure that it is amended so that only existing primary housing residences and that lot size be at least 5-acres.

Thanks for reviewing my comments

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