



## **Statement of OLAWA, the Oregon Land And Water Alliance**

### **In opposition to Oregon House Bill 2316**

My name is Paul Lipscomb, and I live in the Cloverdale area outside of Sisters, Oregon. I am the Vice President of OLAWA, the Oregon Land and Water Alliance. The Oregon Land and Water Alliance is a 501c3 organization, and its purpose is to educate the public to promote and protect the Rule of Law on all local issues relating to land and water use as well as fish and wildlife. I have been authorized to present this testimony in opposition to this bill on behalf of OLAWA, and its Board of Directors.

HB 2316 not only openly attacks all of Oregon's previous land use protections for privately owned agricultural and forest lands, but it would also allow Oregon counties to develop publicly owned forest lands for rural subdivisions outside of existing urban growth boundaries. It would also require public investitures to pay for any and all accompanying infrastructure improvements.

Simply put, while HB 2400 and HB 2422 are bad bills masquerading as public benefits. And HB 2316 is a very bad bill that would allow lands that are currently publicly owned, and outside of any urban growth boundary, to be captured for private benefits at public expense.

Please vote NO on HB 2316.

Thank you for your time and attention to our significant concerns.

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