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On Behalf Of: family of four voters
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2316
To Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members:

Speaking for a family of four voters, we urge you to oppose HB 2316-1, which would allow housing development on state-owned lands outside urban growth boundaries (UGBs) by designating them as "Home Start Lands."

Of course, we appreciate seeking solutions to Oregon's housing shortage. However, this bill, as written, is at war with Oregon's cherished land use planning system, and is not responsible land use and harms the well-being of Oregon communities.

HB 2316-1 overrides critical state and local land use laws, including protections for natural resources. Lands that serve important conservation or public purposes are stripped of their purpose and protections in order to give the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) discretion to designate lands as "Home Start Lands." Lands that are already managed by ODF, ODFW, DSL, ODOT, and OPRD need to be safeguarded to protect Oregon's natural heritage. Development outside of cities will increase greenhouse gas emissions, will increase the risk of wildfire, and will strain rural infrastructure. Why, when we work so hard to protect our city planning structures, natural environment and rural communities would we want to plop down housing outside of cities and towns. This would create moderate and low income housing that is disconnected from jobs and essential services -- creating more traffic trouble, air pollution, need for more infrastructure (water, sewer, emergency services, road expansion\$\$\$\$) and stress. Affordable housing should be planned within planned communities -- easily accessible to jobs. Fiscally irresponsible!!!

This -1 proposal is not a good or fiscally responsible solution to Oregon's housing challenges. Our family of four voters all oppose this bill.
Sincerely, Susan Strauss