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Measure: HB3414

HB3414, as currently written, is an attack on both the spirit and letter of Planning Goal 5. It will remove the ability of local jurisdictions to protect both natural and historic resources. It is the local level that can best determine how to implement these protections. But HB3414 is about letting developers do anything anywhere, with no accountability and no regulations that the development be affordable. For profit development is, by its very nature and definition, not going to result in affordable housing. Trickle down housing will not serve low-income households, while at the same time destroying Oregon natural and cultural heritage. The bill needs to be killed unless it includes protections for goal 5 resources such as National Historic Districts, and only loosening of standards if it is directed tied to mandated and legally defined affordable housing with measurable metrics, not vague wishful thinking.