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HB 3414 is promoted as a way of meeting our critical housing needs faster, but it ignores some of the things that make Oregon a desirable designation- our environmental protections. Trading sensitive and critical habitat in the name of variances will cost us greatly over time, in terms of the resilience of our landscape to withstand floods and droughts, and provide habitat for a variety of species to sustainably exist.

Allowing developers to obtain variances in sensitive areas doesn't guarantee that the public will see a benefit. The public will subsidize the costs, but the developer gets to keep the profits.

Section 2 allows developers variances from a wide array of environmental protections, does not guarantee the developer will pass the savings on to consumers, nor assure the region greater production of affordable housing.

We must not build in sensitive or critical habitat, most especially when we give away the tools to hold developers accountable when they do.

Please do not approve of HB 3414