



Statement of OLAWA, the Oregon Land And Water Alliance

In opposition to House Bill 2422

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.

We strongly oppose HB 2422 because it is obviously designed to breach Oregon's longstanding protection systems for our agricultural and forestry lands. HB 2422 would undermine the current legislative protections of our land use laws, and it would encourage haphazard rural development without the legal necessity of first establishing any actual need for that departure through our existing Goal 14 exception process.

Not only would this bill threaten existing agricultural and forest operations in Oregon, but it would also overwhelm the existing roadway safety measures that were based on the historical number of daily driving trips to and from urban services. This, in turn, could only result in more deer and elk deaths and injuries as well as additional human casualties.

In short, HB 2422 is a bad bill that would, over time, destroy Oregon's proud land use system that was designed to preserve our agricultural lands for agricultural uses, and our forest lands for forestry uses.

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

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