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SB 77 makes me angry. SB 78 makes me apoplectic.

The bill's summary says: " Will not:

- (i) Exceed the floor area of the dwelling being replaced by more than 10 percent; or
- (ii) Have a floor area greater than 2,500 square feet."

I hope this is not just a grammar error. "Will not A or B" means that BOTH conditions must be satisfied.

So here's what I'm understanding, Let me make it personal.

I own a 10-acre farm, and I have a farm business. I have and live in a 1980 manufactured home of 1100 sq. ft. on this property. Now let's say that my house burns down in a wildfire. What you're telling me is according to Condition (i) I can only rebuild a home of 110 sq. ft. Condition (ii) I can meet with flying colors.

You have just ruined my ability to live on my property and ruined the property's sale value. Why is there no impact statement for this bill?

Oregon has not lost as much farmland as it has lost farmers. Since the last Ag Census, we have lost over 2,000 family farms. With the current interest in local food and local products, I should think you would be finding ways to encourage small farmers, not drive them out of the state.