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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB48

I oppose SB 48 because 1) it is not plainly written. there are references and cross-references to multiple OARs (example: "ORS 197A.470 or 227.179", "ORS 197.319 (2)(b)"), and multiple Oregon Laws 2024 (example: "sections 49 to 59, chapter 110", "section 50 (1)(a) to (c), chapter 110, of Oregon Laws 2024,") purporting to establish limits and guides for keeping or moving boundaries. This bill seems to seek to prescribe procedures for both cities and counties in some sections while rewriting State Law in other sections (ex.: "ORS 227.178, as amended by section 8, chapter 102, Oregon Laws 2024, and section 9, chapter 110, Oregon Laws 2024").

Furthermore, it seems to direct planning departments as to how much or little time "permitting" should take.

It also directs courts what to do if the processes are overlong, or if a landowner doesn't want to surrender his property(ies) to accommodate some desire to change UGBs.

It seems to also try to address rent-control and affordable housing. And to coordinate other residential development.

SB 48 seeks to cover too much. It abrogates too many private property rights.

It also seeks to take decision-making away from cities and counties and put it on the State--which, frankly, is too overwhelmed with trying to manage too much already.

The best government is that which is closest to the people.

This bill fails to make sense. It won't be useful. VOTE NO.