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Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2422.

It appears HB 2422 is intended to 'correct' or 'change' a local jurisdictional code or comprehensive plan policy 'problem.' In other words, the testimony in support of this bill seemed to address problems local folks have had in their counties with regard to minimum parcel sizes for development.

This 'problem' if it is actually one, is a local problem that should not be 'fixed' by the legislative body. Local property owners should be lobbying their local officials and staff for the amendments they are seeking, not lobbying the state legislative body for something that is not of statewide significance.

Every single session includes multiple bills attempting to allow more and more housing in more and more zones. Never has there been a report back from a statewide committee or other official body that shows the effect of these bills supposedly meant to increase the supply of and lower the cost of "housing." Never do these 'more housing everywhere' bills include provisions that will make other than the taxpayers pay for the ensuing infrastructure, public safety services, public education needs, etc. The costs are always externalized, put to the voters as necessary tax increases because who doesn't want clean water and who doesn't want public safety services and 'good' schools, right?

The issue of 'minimum parcel or lot size for development' is not an issue of statewide significance and the supporters should be encouraged to work with their local officials to enact the changes they desire for themselves.

Thank you for your time and consideration.