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My reason for opposing this bill is that it clearly is in conflict with Oregon's land conservation and development rules. As a rural resident and farmer and multi generation Oregonian I am a serious advocate for our strong and progressive zoning laws!

I acknowledge the need for "affordable housing" and verifiable increases in some communities. However, to pass legislation that threatens the integrity of rural and undeveloped land without addressing environmental, ecological impacts is WRONG. If simply building housing without considering infrastructure, livability (access to services, health care, etc) is irresponsible and fraught with more minuses than positives. Find the courage and honesty to address housing and its affordability by speaking and acting on current issues impacting housing supply such as multiple home ownership by single parties for investment purposes, VRBO's, Air BnB, etc. Address meaningful tax reform, and so much more!!! Pass legislation for livable sustainable vital and affordable communities. Conserve and protect our rural and open lands. This legislation smells very bad in so many ways and seems a really thoughtless or shortsighted approach to create housing!!!

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