



March 4, 2021

Representative Julie Fahey, Chair
House Committee on Housing
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Opposition to HB 3072

Dear Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition to HB 3072 as drafted. We have a few concerns which are described below.

HB 3072, like HB 2558, seeks to preempt the local planning process in favor of a particular policy objective without critical community engagement. We remain concerned with the proposed preemption of local planning processes. This approach conflicts with Oregon land use law and the Home Rule Charters of all cities in the State.

There are also significant technical issues with HB 3072. For example, the bill does not define the term “workforce commercial,” which is a novel term when it comes to land use planning in Oregon. Further, it is unclear how critical urban services would be conceived and provided if a UGB was expanded to include workforce housing or “workforce commercial.” We are concerned that non-city services may be introduced on the front end, which would be complicated and expensive to unwind once the land was urbanized and annexed into the City.

We understand that amendments are being developed which may address some of these concerns. We are open to reviewing the amendments and having a conversation about how to move forward.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these comments.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andy Smith".

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