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Governor Kotek announced at the Feb.8 Housing Committee public hearing that she is "passionate about housing." Housing is an inanimate object, like saying one is passionate about roads. It was shocking to hear Kotek's 'aide' answer a committee members question about affordability by noting that affordable housing 'in the Salem area' means a range of \$350,000 to \$375,000. There has been no analysis of whether a family of four with two minimum wage full time jobs can afford a down payment and mortgage for a \$350,000 home, because in reality what is going on here is a cash cow giveaway to developers.

If Kotek, who has shown no interest in what makes Oregon special, really wants to feed her passion, the bill should not enrich developers but instead should consider enriching the manufactured home/modular home industry. Because those kinds of dwelling units are actually affordable and can be sited almost anywhere INSIDE UGBS.

A quick review of 'homes for sale' in Eugene on the online real estate site, Trulia, shows that 350 homes are on the market. The only ones less than \$300,000 are manufactured homes or empty lots.

Why not fund modular home parks for people who qualify as low income. If ya'll think this bill will 'help' lower income Oregonians become home owners, or that it will somehow result in lower homeownership costs, lower rental costs, you have not considered the GREED FACTOR that keeps housing costs high.

This legislative body has enacted law after law after law relating to housing on behalf of the HBA, the Realtors lobby, and anti-landuse orgs such shell organizations Oregonians in Action (to enrich developers and overturn SB 100). Yet ya'll never ask for report backs on how all that is going? I can tell you that it has resulted in passing on costs to taxpayers because development doesn't pay for itself and further expectations from developers that ya'll will always do their bidding.

This is not a fair bill, it puts housing over farmland protection, asserting a crisis that has already been addressed with, wait for it, clear and objective standards, middle housing, infill, elimination of periodic review and requirements for a buildable lands inventory. Developers in this state are insatiable, and will never say they are done asking for farmland.

A one-time loophole? Give me a break.

I am so disappointed in Oregon. I moved here in my early 20's, almost 50 years ago. Oregon was paradise and Governor McCall was inspiring.

Ya'll don't even seem to care, nor does Kotek who did not attend any Oregon schools, whether there will be adequate funding for schools with all the new California and east coast people who will be moving their families into the developers dream homes. We still have some clean air and water, so of course people want to come here and ruin that too.