

Submitter: Rachel Hopkins

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1522

Dear Chair Pham and Committee Members:

I am writing today to voice my opposition to SB 1522-1. I am very concerned because this bill removes one of the important pillars for Oregon's land use system - the prioritization scheme. This scheme ensures that when communities figure out where and how to grow with their Urban Growth Boundaries and Urban Reserves, they must consider a number of factors and balance development and urbanization with preserving our farm and forest lands.

Without these important sideboards in our land use system, we would see cities expand onto farm and forest lands rather than onto lands already planned and zoned for residential or commercial uses.

Additionally, SB 1522-1 undermines many years of work recently completed by DLCD and stakeholders resulting in the December 2025 LCDC adoption of rules implementing the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis.

I implore you to please reject SB 1522-1. Thank you for your consideration.