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On Behalf Of: LANDWATCH LANE COUNTY
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2400

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee -

I work tirelessly, and have for the past 20+ years, to protect Oregon's land use laws from the constant threats that would transition our lovely state from one that recognizes beauty to one that exploits it's beauty for money on behalf of special development interests and their lobbyists.

HB 2400, as proposed, is intended to fragment Oregon's agricultural and forest lands by allowing an additional house on every rural property. The proponents/architects of this bill are not novices in their efforts to fragment and minimize productive resource lands. The end game is always the same. More money for clients of the anti land use lobbyists and consequently more money for anti land use lobbyists. It is ironic that these very same lobbyists are also anti-government, yet appeal to those of you, government officials elected by voters, who are paid with taxpayer dollars, to punch holes in laws meant to protect Oregon from greedy outlaws, some from who knows where.

In case any of you needs a reminder, state law already includes various options for extra dwellings, not to mention the loopholes the Oregon Legislature has created in almost every session over the last decade. State law allows for seven different ways to qualify an extra dwelling on farm land and six ways to qualify an extra dwelling on forest lands. Additionally, Oregon law already allows new homes for relatives of agricultural and forest land managers, and additional new homes for unrelated farmworkers.

These options do not include the variety of ways to get away with converting dwellings allowed as temporary uses into forever uses, lawfully and unlawfully.

For all these reasons, please find a way to say NO, not in Oregon, to this destructive bill.

Thank you for time.