



**Statement of OLAWA, the  
Oregon Land and Water Alliance  
against HB 2647**

My name is Paul Lipscomb, and I live in the Cloverdale area outside of Sisters, Oregon. I am the Vice President of OLAWA, the Oregon Land and Water Alliance. The Oregon Land and Water Alliance is a 501c3 organization, and its purpose is to educate the public to promote and protect the Rule of Law on all local issues relating to land and water use as well as fish and wildlife. I have been authorized to present this testimony in support of this bill on behalf of OLAWA, and its Board of Directors.

We must oppose HB 2647 because it would encourage new industrial development outside of Oregon's existing urban growth boundaries. This special provision is contrary to all existing state and county land use laws.

First, public protection of rural farms and forest lands for future farming and forest use is vital for the survival of farming, ranching and forest uses in Oregon. Second, new industrial uses should be authorized only within existing Urban Growth Boundaries where they can get access to urban services and jobs without long commutes. Third, LCDC review is prohibited by section 2(5) restricting any statewide review of local development proposals.

In summary, HB 2647 would avoid any and all meaningful outside input on local land use planning for short term goals pursued by development interests in our many smaller communities.

Please vote NO on HB 2647.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on this issue.

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