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This bill threatens the preservation of Oregon's unique natural and built history.

As the owner of an 1860 Farmstead property on the National Register of Historic Place I strongly oppose

The passage of HB3414- The need to protect our historic integrity will be challenged if this bill is passed!

Prevents public involvement: Top-down approaches can produce conflicts between state goals.

Notably, HB 3414 is counter to the very pillar of Oregon's unique land use system: Goal 1, Citizen Involvement.

The proposed variance criteria are not clear and objective and will introduce uncertainty and new avenues of legal challenge.

This is counterproductive to the goal of efficient approval of additional housing units: unnecessary bureaucracy:

The addition of a new entity to effectively manage work that already happens at the local level is duplicative.

It is a handout to developers of expensive properties pretending it is a housing law

Acknowledge the important role cultural and historic heritage plays in the development of place-making throughout the state and VOTE NO ON HB 3414

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For the JP and Susie Cook Family Farm
123 years of family stewardship
Nat. Register of Historic Places
Century Farm
State and Clackamas County Heritage Tree Program