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On Behalf Of: Concerned citizens re Sprawl
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2400

Good morning from Deschutes County, Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen, and Breese-Iverson and House Comm on Housing and Homelessness members.
Having this chance to weigh in on Measure HB 2400 is much appreciated. Thanks!

Because we have Jackson County Pear Orchard friends who are owners, occupants, and help inform me on LCDC particulars, I oppose this unnecessary measure. They know how to get a new house approved for their farmland; in fact, there are 7 different ways to get this done. It's important to know that rules for new homes for unrelated farm workers are also in place. We also have friends with a vineyard in Josephine County. In other words, we may be city-dwellers but have deep connections with our rural communities.

Yes your committee must help all parts of the state try to solve the big problem of unaffordable housing. This is not one of those measures.

I especially disapprove of its "tricky" details: The additional house must be for a family member, BUT only for the INITIAL application. That family member can move out of the house any time after approval of the application, The owner then can Lease the home to anyone for 18 mos. Subsequently, the owner can sell it to ANYONE. Please explain how this might increase housing for those most in need.

Best wishes as your committee tries to successfully deal with our housing crisis. A way is to not let this measure escape your hearing to move on in our legislative process. I look forward to seeing how you might better achieve this very worthy goal. I and others would readily endorse such measures.

Take care,
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