

# FRIENDS *of* DOUGLAS COUNTY

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Senate Committee on Housing and Development

Re: Opposition to HB3921

Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson, and Committee Members,

Friends of Douglas County is a non-profit land use advocacy organization in Douglas County. We **oppose HB3921**.

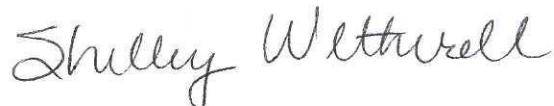
Oregon's Land Use System includes Goal One which is citizen involvement. HB3921 is asking for a one-off override of the current citizen participation process for a specific contested UGB swap. This bill removes local citizens from the process. Local citizens both for and against the proposal intimately know their community and should be allowed to work together to ensure that their community grows in the most beneficial way.

There is already a process for UGB swaps that involves local jurisdictions and state government agencies. The overburdened Oregon Legislature does need to step in and make a final decision on a local fact specific issue. Not only is this bill unnecessary, but passage would be a green light for every community to disregard citizen input, skip the process, and bring every contested UGB decision to the legislature for approval.

We respectfully request that you consider the broader statewide implications of this bill and refrain from advancing it.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,



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