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On Behalf  
Of:

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I support the intent of the new CFEC rules and thus OPPOSE this bill that delays the implementation. All CFEC does is update the Oregon land use rules that have been in place for over 50 years and served us well, limiting sprawl, protecting farm and forest land, and more. But, its main intent - to keep our urban areas compact - needs updating as most of Oregon cities force their residents into car dependency, significantly impacting the climate and exasperating social inequity. Updating our land use rules are critical and this bill does nothing but delay critical reforms to our land use system - and thus our local transportation options - pushing out needed climate reductions down the road.

The IPCC just issued what it is calling its 'final warning' about global climate change with the UN Secretary General declaring: "This report is a clarion call to massively fast-track climate efforts by every country and every sector and on every timeframe. Our world needs climate action on all fronts: everything, everywhere, all at once."

I do not want to delay doing what we can for our climate and do not want to delay implementation of CFEC. Therefore I OPPOSE this bill.