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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB2659

Chair Helm, Vice-Chairs Hartman and Owens, and members of the Committee,

I oppose HB 2659 which requires Land Conservation and Development Commission to update rules on climate, specifically Climate Friendly and Equitable Cities (CFECs).

We are in the midst of a climate crisis. CFEC Rules reinforce the connection between land use and transportation which is Oregon's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions. Shaping walkable mixed use Climate Friendly Areas and other provisions of the CFEC Rules will reduce the use of vehicles for everyday activities.

CFEC rules were adopted after a two-year process which included a 40 person Advisory Committee, virtual conversation sessions for each affected area, and opportunities for public comments at Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) meetings. LCDC has a process for review of its Rules, making adjustments if warranted. This Rulemaking process is the appropriate way to address concerns about CFECs.

I urge you to oppose HB 2659.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.