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On Behalf Of: lovers of Oregon Public Lands
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2316

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson and House Comm on Housing and Homelessness members: thank you for this chance to comment. I will be sending my input to my Oregon legislative representatives as well.

I, like many in Deschutes Cty, are extremely concerned about 100s of our homeless neighbors. I attend Cty Commission meetings regularly and witness this huge housing worry set before our Commission. However, your Measure 2316 is the one which concerns me the most. Vote no as you consider my reasons. As a very young voter in Douglas County in 1973, I was part of the very beginning of our LCDC through study in our Roseburg League of Women Voters. Thus I strongly want the existing LCDC regulations regarding our precious Public Lands to stand. Measure 2316 overrides all land use laws for M 2316 purposes. Really? I oppose this measure because: it would allow sprawling development on Oregon public lands AND our Oregon taxes would be paying for damaging infrastructure. Do you/we really desire lands owned by the DFW, Dept of Transportation, and Forestry be suddenly available for single detached homes on any land near but outside our Urban Growth Boundaries? Most importantly, people need to live near services, schools, etc. Public space does exist inside the UGB for housing. Sometimes roads need extending e.g., or piping to add more affordable dwellings. Focus on those issues in your important work this session. Sincerely, Annis Henson