

Submitter: David Gutt
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2422
Hello Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members:

Greetings from a Bend on a frigid February day.

I am writing to ask you to oppose HB 2422. Here's why I believe this bill is not an example of good land use planning.

It Promotes Sprawl & Weakens Land Use Protections – Allow counties to bypass existing land use laws and enable case-by-case upzoning of rural lands? With the potential to double rural land density? No, thanks!

It Limits Public Involvement – Oregon's land use planning process is intentionally inclusive. This bill undermines that, making it easier for well-financed landowners to push through zoning changes without broader community input.

It Threatens Resources & Infrastructure – Oregon's land use system ensures development happens where infrastructure, transportation, and services already exist. That is a good idea, but HB 2422 disregards these safeguards, risking strain on resources and causing harm to farms, forests, and water supplies.

Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in and I thank you for your consideration! With so many priorities in front of us, I hope you will protect Oregon's rural lands and quickly reject HB 2422.

Sincerely,
David Gutt