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To: Joint Subcommittee on Natural Resources; others

Re: I SUPPORT [SB 5531]... *LUBA protects and defends Oregon's Resource Economy!*

I have reviewed Governor Brown's lack luster and incompetent budget allocations to LUBA for 2021-2023.

Despite a slight increase in LUBA's budget, it is not enough for LUBA to adequately adjudicate the increase in case loads the legislation listed below will create.

As a result of the Legislature trying to "House people" who cannot afford to "House" themselves, it is foreseeable LUBA's case loads are going to increase. The Legislature is going to learn a very hard lesson when the "free money" runs out.

Consider creation of a RESTRICTED USE FUND specifically designated for LUBA, predicated on legislation designed to place draconian fees on jurisdictions who want to expand their respective UGBs.

There are several pieces of pending legislative crap pertaining to the expansion of Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB) which are designed to destroy rural Oregon and the Resource Economy (Agriculture, Timber products, Fisheries and Mining).

Here are a few: **[SB 16]**, **[HB 2708]**, **[HB 2160]**, **[HB 2282]****, **[HB 2336 (2019)]*** and **[HB 4079 (2016)]***

With reference to the most dangerous piece of legislative crap this 2021 session that would have "Snidely Whiplash" shave off his mustache is **[HB 2282]****. Once Exclusive Farm Use (EFU) land rezoning starts, it doesn't stop.

A "special draconian fee," let's say for discussion; treble the amount with ample room for punitive fee charges should be created to; address, punish and deter the scams associated with **[HB 2282]****. *The "measly \$22Million dollar land deal."*

The aforementioned legislation should have a "retroactive" component to capture funds from failed UGB experimentations by the legislature, as referenced and incorporated into; **[HB 2336 (2019)]*** and **[HB 4079 (2016)]***. A report as to the amount of "Affordable Housing a.k.a. Government Subsidized Housing" should accompany an audit of the "UGB experiment." Redmond and Bend are [17 miles apart]. What an asinine excuse for an "Affordable Housing" experiment.

Another special fee should charged to failed government agencies such as Yamhill County.

Face the facts, Yamhill County continually makes bad Land Use decisions.

LUBA has had to paddle Yamhill County's bare backsides too many times and should be compensated.

A fee to deter and punish incompetent County and or Municipal governments should be created expressly for LUBA.

The aforementioned proposals to increase revenues for the use of LUBA does not suggest, imply or infer any reductions in allocations to LUBA from the GENERAL FUND.

In addition to the Governor's Budget, LUBA could use the following:

(1) FTE Office Manager; (2) FTE Para-legal and (1) FTE Executive Support Specialist 2

In your spare time, look around and see if Oregon is rapidly turning into, "San Francisco Bay Area del Norté."

Respectfully submitted,

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