



**Statement of the Oregon Land and Water Alliance  
in opposition to the -18 amendments to House Bill 3414**

My name is Paul Lipscomb, and I live in the Cloverdale area outside of Sisters, Oregon. I am the Vice President of OLAWA, the Oregon Land And Water Alliance. The Oregon Land And Water Alliance is a 501c3 organization, and its purpose is to educate the public to promote and protect the Rule of Law on all local issues relating to land and water use as well as fish and wildlife. I have been authorized to present this testimony in opposition to HB 3414 and the -18 amendments to this bill on behalf of OLAWA and its Board of Directors.

Reading through HB 3414 once again, and with particular regard to the -18 amendments, brings to mind two of my mother's favorite sayings:

*Haste makes waste.*

and

*The greatest harm can result from the very best intentions.*

This bill and the amendments are obviously well intended, but in the process of trying to make comprehensive and significant changes to existing statutes and regulations to encourage the development of low-cost housing within the boundaries of Oregon's Urban Growth Boundaries in the closing days of this legislative session, the bill and the amendments have become internally inconsistent and occasionally contradictory. If enacted in its present form, our cities and towns will undoubtedly become bogged down in the maze of the many new and sometimes confusing provisions of this act, while also attempting to square these provisions with existing state statutes and local regulations.

(As just one example, compare section (4)(b) with section (8)(a) and (b) in the proposed -18 amendments.)

We respectfully suggest that this bill be tabled, and that in its place an interim legislative committee composed of both city officers, developers, and local elected officials be empowered to work with the present bill in a collaborative effort to streamline and clarify its current provisions.

Thank you for your consideration of our views on these issues.

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