

February 11, 2022

House Committee on Housing

RE: Please vote NO on HB 4118 and the -1 amendment.

Dear Chair Fahey and other Members of the Committee:

The original HB 4118 would create serious problems for managing UGBs.

- 1) It would circumvent the public process used to designate the urban reserves.
- 2) Cities would need to create new, expensive processes to enforce “workforce housing” restrictions.
- 3) The provisions for infrastructure are not realistic.

The -1 amendment could create even more serious problems for managing UGBs:

- 1) The scope of issues involved is much too broad to be effectively handled. The listed issues include housing, manufacturing, industrial land, infrastructure, and natural hazards.
- 2) The task force membership will mostly consist of landowners, developers, and local governments. This places the focus on their special interests, not the best way to meet the need for workforce housing.
- 3) The bill language is biased towards single family housing zoning which would undermine the creation of middle housing and higher density housing within the existing UGB.

Passage of this legislation would launch yet another assault on Oregon’s farmlands and forestlands. Yes, Oregon needs more diverse and affordable housing, but that housing should be located near work, schools, and shopping; inside the existing UGBs if possible.

Please vote NO on HB 4118 and the -1 amendment.

Respectfully,

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