

Testimony In Opposition

HB 2001 -10 Amendments

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Testimony on the original bill was submitted prior to the first hearing. The -10 amendments provide no improvement on the underlying proposed policy.

HB 2001 would force density against the provisions in a City's approved Comprehensive Plan that was developed and enacted under the Oregon Planning Goal 2. Additionally, it violates Goal 1 related to citizen involvement.

Specifically, regarding the -10 amendments:

1. Section 2 The increase in city population does nothing to protect the local planning process in many cities across Oregon. Further, emerging information (previously unreported) in Portland reveals that such forced density is not based on "an adequate factual base for such decisions and actions." Thus, the bill's violation of Goal 2
2. Section 3 imposes an unrealistic timeline for adopting plans that would invalidate Comprehensive Plans enacted as described above.
3. Section 3a also imposes an unrealistic timeline for resolving water, sewer or stormwater services. Such services in many parts of cities have enormous costs and logistical requirements that could not be met by the deadlines set in the amendment.
4. Section 9. Covenants that are legally developed exist to protect some areas within cities. While it is currently convenient to call out those that were discriminatory against racial groups, that issue no longer exists. Covenants protect the character and the investment of those included in it. To retroactively render these agreements invalid, again, violates Oregon's Planning process because those who purchased property within them did so with the full knowledge that the requirements and limitations exist.

HB 2001 is a state take-over of local neighborhoods

HB2001 will promote widespread demolition and higher housing prices

HB2001 will damage our environment.

HB2001 goes way too far