

Dear House Committee on Human Services and Housing,

Not only is HB2001 a threat to the livability of established neighborhoods, it also threatens their resident's safety. For those following the news out of Wilsonville, a large fire recently devastated a densely developed neighborhood:

<https://www.kgw.com/article/news/local/the-fire-spread-so-quickly-large-wilsonville-fire-prompts-concerns-over-tightly-packed-development/283-9db6f4c6-4589-480f-b4ff-41c5d0eb4d23>

The reason this fire spread so quickly was because of tightly packed development. This leads to rapid fire spread from unit to unit when fire exposures are so close to each other.

This in was a newly developed area with the supporting infrastructure requirements already in place. Now image the same scenario done in an area never designed for such close-in development. This is exactly what HB2001 aims to do, force dense development in areas never designed for it. It does not take into consideration the flow of streets, the size of streets, egress or escape routes from ADUs, or even the placement and water flow capacity of fire-hydrants in the area.

Take a fire like the one in Wilsonville. Now place it in an area that has narrow streets that are jammed with cars because there is not adequate parking. It has older buildings that do not meet modern fire codes, crowded on three sides by new haphazardly placed construction.

It has inadequate hydrants in the area, because the hydrant system was designed for a well spaced single family neighborhood. How are the fire trucks going to have room to maneuver, park, and set up their outriggers for aerial master stream operations? How are they going to get adequate water?

HB2001 is not only a danger to the residents living in post-zoning state mandate areas, but also the firefighters whose job it is to try to protect them. Do not let HB2001 out of committee. It is dangerous and wrong.

Drone video of Wilsonville Fire destruction:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBgtgYhsIno&feature=youtu.be>

Attached photos from TVF&R and Wilsonville Police Facebook pages.

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