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Oregon Progressive Party Position on Bill at 2017 Session of Oregon Legislature:

HB 2013 A: Oppose

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party opposes this gut-and-stuff bill, which now permits the owner of the Metolius resort site to apply to county for approval of small-scale recreation community within five years if owner meets certain requirements. The "certain requirements" consist of filing some papers.

The amended bill also allows the Metolius resort site owner to instead develop other small-scale recreational communities in other counties, regardless of the prohibitions on siting of destination resorts under ORS 197.455, which protects unique or prime farmland, high-value crop areas, especially sensitive big game habitat, and land particularly susceptible to wildfire. It also deletes existing protections for coastal shorelands and areas "subject to natural hazard by an acknowledged comprehensive plan." Thus, the bill's summary is incomplete and misleading.

We commend the testimony of retired judge Paul Lipscomb of the Oregon Land and Water Alliance on this bill.

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