

Current, decades-old statutes set the standard for local government notice of land use proceedings that are limited and inequitable. Today's law requires that notice be mailed only to property owners, and within a short distance. Renters are excluded from those required to receive notice of land use proceedings, even land use changes that might be proposed for next door. Land use changes, especially in rural areas, can have impacts beyond the immediate vicinity.

Approximately 40% of Oregonians rent their homes, so the state's current notice requirements exclude a large portion of Oregonians from participating in their local land use decisions, simply because they never heard about potential changes in advance.

In both rural and urban areas, laws that favor homeowners disproportionately harm minorities that have lower homeownership rates: BIPOC, LGBTQIA+ and Oregonians under 40.

To truly meet the expectations of Oregon's first Statewide Land Use Goal — Citizen Involvement — we must broaden the ways and methods in which we *all* reach Oregonians.

THE PROPOSED BILL WOULD REVISE AND EXPAND THE CURRENT LAW IN TWO WAYS:

Require notice of local land use proceedings be mailed to both property owners (current law) and to the property/resident addresses (which would include renters and lessees).

Expand notice distance inside urban growth boundaries from 100 feet to 600 feet (about 2-3 blocks) and rural notice provisions from 500-750 feet to 2640 feet (1/2 mile).

SUPPORT HB 2556: NOTICE FOR ALL

HB 2556 would expand the requirements of land use proceedings to include renters.

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OREGONIANS SUPPORT HB 2556

"As someone who rents their home and is as fully a member of my community as someone who owns their home, I believe I should also receive notice of nearby land use proposals and have the opportunity to voice my perspective."

Kory Northrup | Renter

"Sending land use application notice to lessees and renters is a simple way to help young and beginner farmers and ranchers... Lessees need to know what is happening around their operations and how things might change in order to make decisions for the future."

Nella Mae Parks | Nella Mae's Farm

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