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Vote Explanation for HB 2658

Dear Secretary of The Senate Rutledge,

I write to provide my vote explanation on HB2658. I voted “no” on House Bill 2658 due to consistent concerns of three of the cities I represent. The bill includes problematic language prohibiting a municipality from requiring frontage improvements if the alteration does not increase square footage or footprint.

The testimony submitted by the City of Wilsonville included an example of their concern:

“The criteria for establishing exactment of public improvements found in Section 2(a) of -5 is problematic. Specifically, the language prohibits a municipality from requiring frontage improvements if the alteration does not increase the square footage or footprint and does not result in a change of occupancy classification group. This could allow for a sit-down restaurant to be converted to a drive-through restaurant, both considered occupancy A, with no transportation improvements required, assuming that the improvements were less than \$150,000 and the footprint of the building did not change. Such a modification from a sit-down restaurant to a drive-through restaurant has significant impacts to the transportation system that should be mitigated by the developer with the building permit application.”

I value the goals of this bill, but believe that as written it could lead to unintended consequences. My “no” vote serves as a marker that continued collaboration is needed with local governments to refine our legislative concepts in a way that protects community interests and resources.

Thank you,

Senator Courtney Neron Misslin