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Vote Explanation SB 458

Even though I support creating additional "middle housing" units, I voted "no" on SB 458 because I determined it to be premature and a current need for it wasn't demonstrated. In 2019, the Legislature passed HB 2001; that measure established a new comprehensive, statewide land use plan and regulations. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have not seen HB 2001 fully rolled out. We should wait and allow sufficient time to implement HB 2001 before considering additional legislation that may ultimately prove unnecessary.

Additionally, it has been brought to my attention that the goal of providing additional middle housing units – as set forth in SB 458 – is already available to communities. Over a decade ago in Eugene, a neighborhood association developed implementation language for its local building code that provided additional middle housing units on existing, standard lots by allowing those lots to be divided into "small lots," just as called for in SB 458.

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