

HB2580

Short Title

City unilateral annexation powers eliminated unless property owners consent to annexation.

Representative Kent Thompson, Chairman and Members of the Committee.

House Local Government Committee.

I am submitting testimony as a proponent of HB2580

Submitted by: Jim Seeman

This bill will benefit property owners as follows:

Property owners adjoining a city will have protection.

I have studied the Comprehensive Plan Statute for nearly two years. I began when a zoning change request within our neighborhood became an issue which was strongly opposed by area residents.

The statute has given too much power to cities and removed rights from property owners.

City and County officials are so obsessed with growth, high density development and imposing more and more taxes upon us, without respecting our desire to maintain a rural atmosphere in our community.

The statute clearly states the importance of maintaining 'rural atmosphere'. However our elected officials are not designating very much land to be zoned as such.

I would like to see much more stringent protection for county property owners.

County property owners must be allowed to vote upon any plan which will affect their property.

Thank you,

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