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Sen. Michael Dembrow, Chair  
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

### **RE: Deschutes County Support for SB 88**

Dear Chair Dembrow:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of SB 88 on behalf of the Deschutes County Board of Commissioners.

Deschutes County is Oregon's fastest growing county<sup>1</sup>. This bill allows our county to:

- Provide housing without public resources;
- Increase the supply of multigenerational and rental housing;
- Increase the affordability of housing by allowing property owners to purchase or maintain a home with rental income from the ADU or from the primary dwelling if living in the ADU.
- Legalize some existing, unpermitted second dwelling units; and

This bill also implements Deschutes County's 2030 Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 2011, Policy 3.3.5 by allowing ADUs in Rural Residential zones:

*Maintain the rural character of the County while ensuring a diversity of housing opportunities, including initiating discussions to amend State Statutes and/or Oregon Administrative Rules to permit accessory dwelling units in Exclusive Farm Use, Forest, and Rural Residential zones.*

In addition, Deschutes County encourages the Committee to provide local control to counties to determine development standards and limitations governing ADUs. While Deschutes County supports more local control

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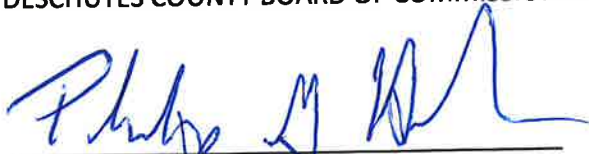
<sup>1</sup> The Population Research Center's (PRC) Coordinated Population Forecast 2018 through 2068 for Deschutes County projects the county's population increasing from 187,621 (2018) to 432,930 (2068). In addition, the December 2018 PRC Certified Population Estimate shows Deschutes County's 3.3% growth rate for 2017-18 to be the highest in the state.

than drafted in SB 88, the proposed standards are workable and address issues of statewide interest. We recommend not amending the bill to impose any additional standards.

Thank you for considering Deschutes County's position on SB 88. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Community Development Director Nick Lelack by phone at 541-385-1708 or by email at [Nick.Lelack@deschutes.org](mailto:Nick.Lelack@deschutes.org).

Sincerely,

DESCHUTES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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