

To: Members House Committee On Human Services and Housing
Chair Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer

Cc: Representative Barbara Smith Warner
Senator Michael Dembrow

From: Jonathan Harker, AICP, Resident House District 45 & Senate District 23

Date: April 3, 2019

RE: House Bill 2001 (Support)

I support and I am asking you to support HB 2001, I do this as a long time Oregon-based city planner (now retired); as a 30+ year resident and home owner in a NE Portland neighborhood on the kind of residential land targeted by the bill; and as a father of two millennial aged sons who, despite University degrees and gainful employment, are unable to fund housing that is affordable and fits their needs in the neighborhood they grew up in.

Reasons I support this bill that allows duplexes and multi-plex housing on residential land that is currently zoned for single-family homes it that over time it will result in more housing options in these residential neighborhoods to::

- Meet Oregon's changing household demographics such as smaller households and aging households.
- Meet Oregon's affordable housing challenges by allowing smaller housing options.
- To promote more inclusive neighborhoods.
- To address climate change by using urbanized land more efficiently lessening the need for UGB expansions and by allowing more households in neighborhoods that can support transit use and local businesses which results in reduced GHG emissions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my support on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Harker