

Madam Chair members of the Committee
For the record I am Senator Bill Hansell Senate District 29

House Bill 2160 sponsored by Representative Levy at the request of the City of Pendleton is timely and desperately needed. The City of Pendleton is seeing the possibility of strong economic growth from new employers who are considering locating in Pendleton. At the same time these possibilities for economic development, new jobs and a more stable economy are challenged by the lack of buildable affordable housing in the region.

It has been brought to my attention by some of my constituents that they are traveling over 100 miles a day round trip to work in Pendleton then drive home because they are unable to find housing.

I am particularly pleased that this pilot project has been vetted with LCDC who understands the soil, slope and geographic barriers we face in constructing new housing and are supportive of the project.

Joining us today to speak in more detail to the bill are Robb Corbett the City Manager of Pendleton and Tim Simons Pendleton's Community Development Director.