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Oregon Chapter

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Senator Jeff Golden, Chair
Senator Dallas Heard, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee On Natural Resources and Wildfire Recovery
Oregon State Capitol
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony from the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association in Support of
HB 2110

Dear Chair Golden, Vice-Chair Heard, and Members of the Committee:

OAPA recommends the Senate Committee send House Bill 2110 to the floor with a “do pass” recommendation. This bill is in line with [OAPA’s 2021 Legislative Priorities](#) to **Advocate for Oregon’s planning program**, as it will eliminate an unnecessary step in the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) review of land use decisions. From a local planning perspective, this bill benefits all parties before LUBA and slightly reduces the cost of appeals.

OAPA is an independent, statewide, not-for-profit educational organization of more than 800 planners from across the state who work for cities, counties, special districts, state agencies, tribes, community-based organizations, universities, and private firms. We provide leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in community planning, promoting education and resident empowerment, and providing the tools and support necessary to meet the challenges of growth and change. OAPA supports sustainable communities and works to enhance the quality of life for current and future generations by helping to create and stabilize places that are equitable, healthy, and resilient and provide ongoing economic, environmental, and social benefits.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on HB 2110.

Sincerely,

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