

Dear Committee,

I am an architect-developer specializing in affordable missing middle housing and very much support this bill. I am currently developing a shared house and ADU for a total of six households in Springfield Oregon. If this bill is passed it would make it legal for the owner-occupants to have a live-in partner in each of their one-bedroom suites. This is something that everyone should have a legal right to, and not have to worry that a nosy neighbor is going to turn them in.

The shared housing project is being developed as a housing cooperative in collaboration with SquareOne Villages. As such it will create six affordable homeownership opportunities, affordable to 60% AMI households. We need to expand such opportunities and this bill would be an important part of making that happen.

Having a maximum occupancy limit on a house is just as ridiculous as proposing a minimum occupancy requirement. Although the latter would do much greater service to the public good as we ponder the countless empty bedrooms that look out on the people sleeping on the sidewalks at night.

Thanks for your efforts!
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