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Senate Committee On Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE, Room 347
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RE: Support for Senate Bill 1518

Chair Lieber, Vice-Chair Findley, and Committee Members:

The City of Bend enthusiastically supports Senate Bill 1518 as an important way of allowing cities and counties to achieve energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction goals.

Bend adopted climate goals to reduce fossil fuel consumption 40% by 2030 and 70% by 2050. Many other local governments have adopted similar goals. Achieving these goals will require reducing emissions from all sectors. Energy use in buildings contributes over half of the total emissions in Bend, which is similar to many other cities in Oregon. Energy efficiency-focused building codes are one of the most powerful tools that governments have for mitigating and reducing emissions from new construction.

Allowing every municipality to consider Reach Code adoption as a minimum construction standard is a common sense measure that will help achieve emissions reduction targets throughout the state of Oregon.

Sally Russell, Mayor and the Bend City Council
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