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Chair Lively, Vice Chairs Kropf and Cate, and Members of the House Economic Recovery and Prosperity Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 4014 on behalf of Oregon Smart Growth, a coalition of developers, investors and allied professions committed to walkable, livable communities that are economically, socially and environmentally feasible and sustainable.

Oregon Smart Growth participated in Chair Lively's system development charge (SDC) workgroup throughout 2020 and supported HB 3040 in the 2021 session. We see considerable value in a state study of system development charges, looking specifically at SDC methodologies for fee settings across the state; which entities bear the burden of SDCs; how SDCs compare to other housing cost drivers; transparency around how fees are set and revenue is used, and more.

We appreciate the work that OHCS has undertaken since the passage of HB 3040 and acknowledge the significant scope of the study outlined in statute. As stakeholders engaging in the process, we welcome additional time to provide feedback and share our experiences with SDCs across the state. An additional six months to complete the study and engage with stakeholders will lead to a more comprehensive study and clearer picture of SDCs in Oregon.

Oregon Smart Growth supports the extension of the study timeline and urges the swift passage of House Bill 4014.

Sincerely,

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