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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

Dear fancy lawmaking people,

Unlike the previous drafts, these new amendments (-13 and -14) do not attempt to distinguish new ground-up construction from alterations or enlargements to existing landmarks. As such, it appears that HB 3414 adjustments will be available to allow for additional building height, reduced setbacks, roof lines, windows, materials, and other design protections for landmarks as well as within historic districts.

These amendments are complicated and do not acknowledge the nuances of local regulatory structures that will not fit easily into this one-size-fits-all by-right adjustment scheme. This will sow confusion, resentment, and lead to litigation rather than additional housing units. Also, there's been no public vetting by groups advocating for Goal 5 resources including scenic areas, open spaces, viewsheds, as well as historic resources to gain any buy-in.

I oppose the current versions of these amendments and ask that the historic resources covered in Goal 5 also be exempt from the scope of these amendments.

Sincerely, Charles Weathers