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June 1, 2023

Chair Fahey
Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson
House Committee on Rules
Oregon State Legislature
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Concerns with HB 3414 -14

Dear Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium represents the mayors of twenty-five cities in the Portland Metro Area, collectively home to over 1.7 million Oregonians. The MMC writes to express its thanks for the work put into amendments for HB 3414, however, without an amendment that fixes remaining critical problems in Sections 2 and 3 in the -14 amendment the MMC continues to have significant concerns with the legislation. The MMC aligns with the technical suggestions made in the League of Oregon Cities testimony submitted on June 1, 2023. Cities are your partners in government and support the state's goals in expediting sorely needed housing units.

The mayors of the MMC acknowledge the intent of HB 3414, which is to develop more housing units across income levels, as a critical goal central to the ongoing health of our communities as they will accommodate 20 years of population growth. We are deeply appreciative of the leadership of Representative Gamba, Representative Helm, Representative Dexter and Speaker Rayfield for the improvements clearly represented in HB 3414-14. Thank you for your leadership and your consideration of our testimony. Please ensure that the tools included in this legislation are clear, implementable, and respectful of the work being done in planning offices around the state – before passing this bill it is imperative to make the final changes that cities have urged.

Sincerely,

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium