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Continue to testify to support SB224. In addition, my proposed amendments in last testimony may be postponed into a future bill as we work with Oregon Board of Architect Examiners and other stakeholders, textual refinements, addressing potential HSW issues before implementation, as a future bill whether this session, next session or the next one after that. We agree we need to look those matters over carefully and address HSW that may involve other bills or rulemaking with other stakeholders to make sure we aren't overlooking unintended HSW holes. So as to not hinder this bill, I propose we adopt this bill with "Amendment -1" and other potential amendments by the board (if any). Then the board can adopt rulemaking modifications accordingly and also work toward further discussion relating to my proposed amendment in my testimony last week and then develop it further with the various stakeholders: BCD, CCB, OSBEELS, and others.

I urge this committee to pass this bill and then the senate and house.

I also have an alternative option for a future bill (substantial parts already written up) such as establishing a "Registered Building Designer" (ORBD or RBD) registration program to be administered by the Oregon State Board of Architect Examiners (OSBAE), for Certified Professional Building Designers (certified by the American Institute of Building Design) upon passing the ARE, as well as ideas for rulemaking for approving equivalent alternatives (equal to or greater than). While this is a testimony, it highlights possibilities using substantially the same existing policies and procedures and many of the same laws of ORS 671.010 to 671.220 substantially duplicated (with necessary changes in wordage and as appropriate) into a hypothetical "ORS 671A" and potential amendments as needed in ORS 671 and other statutes. In the future, we may then expand the board with at least two RBDs (Registered Building Designers). This will be made available to the board for discussion and dialogue while preserving the existing exemption with maybe adding SFRs with attached ADUs and take MFRs/townhouses and non-residential buildings larger than currently exempt in ORS 671.030 to be work in the scope of Registered Building Designers, and not restricting the title building designer or Certified Professional Building Designers and other like titles.

With that said, I encourage the adoption of this bill and encourage continued dialogue with OSBAE and other stakeholders about further statutory updates be it this session or the next one or maybe the next one after that.

