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Senator Michael Dembrow, Co-Chair
Representative Khanh Pham, Co-Chair
Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources
900 Court Street NE, Room H-178
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Testimony from the City of Bend on HB 5027, Department of Land
Conservation and Development

Co-Chairs Dembrow and Pham and members of the Subcommittee on Natural
Resources:

The City of Bend supports the passage of HB 5027 with a proposed amendment. Over the last two years, the Department of Land Conservation and Development's (DLCDD) work has been critical to help the City implement HB 3318 for the Stevens Road Tract, plan for needed housing with an updated Housing Capacity Analysis, and support implementation of the City's 2016 UGB Expansion Plan.

I am here today on behalf of the City of Bend to testify in support of a policy option package (POP) that was not included in the Governor's Recommended Budget but is critical to implementing the recently adopted Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) rules. POP 203 was proposed in the Department's Agency Requested Budget and in the amount of \$11,973,517.

We recognize this is a significant request, but it is one that is much-needed for our City. Ten million of this request is intended for local government grants for CFEC implementation. This amount was developed through the Department's communication and coordination with local government partners to ensure successful implementation of the CFEC rules. It's not adequate to meet the full need, but it is a very good start on funding the mandates of these rules.

The City of Bend estimates that the cost to the City for initial implementation of the CFEC rules will be at least \$2.5 million. Our recent work to expand our UGB in 2016 and to update our transportation system plan in 2020, both with robust public process, have demonstrated to us the number of resources needed for this kind of land use work. It is critical we have the funds to support the long-range planners, computer modeling, and engagement programming required to do this work equitably and correctly.

The City of Bend is not afraid to take a lead role on implementing new rules or legislation. For example, Bend was the first large City to adopt code changes to allow all types of middle housing required under 2019's landmark housing bill, HB 2001. We want to work closely with DLCD and comply with CFEC rules that we know are critical to our climate future. But without financial help from the State, we will not be able to fully implement these rules in a timely manner.

Bend recommends that HB 5027 be amended to include POP 203, in the amount of \$11,973,517, and with this amendment, we support a Do-Pass recommendation. Thank you again for this opportunity to testify on HB 5027.

Sincerely,

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