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The bill as proposed fails to mention or consider the most affordable option for Oregonians, Manufactured Housing. While I have seen some text use the term "Modular Housing" this definition excludes the existing supply of housing produced by five manufactured housing producers who are able to produce affordable, safe housing, that is attainable for home ownership by Oregonians immediately. There are fewer true modular home builders because modular homes built to state and local building codes that change frequently and create regulatory burdens are far more expensive. In Oregon more than 3000 manufactured homes are currently produced annually, and each factory could increase capacity with demand. The term Modular may have been used due to ignorance, and changing the wording to include manufactured homes should be a simple amendment. Unless the text is amended to include Manufactured Housing I strongly urge everyone to oppose this bill. I do believe one such amendment is proposed and if so it should be supported.

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