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Senate Committee on Housing and Development
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: SB 648 – Oppose as currently written

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson, and members of the committee,

Central Oregon LandWatch (“LandWatch”) is a conservation organization that, for more than 35 years, has protected Central Oregon’s forests and high desert, rivers and springs, fish and wildlife, and its vibrant communities. We work to conserve the region’s ecosystems, wildlife habitat, and working rural lands balanced with a responsible, sustainable approach to planning and fostering thriving communities.

While we applaud the intent of the bill to prevent Rural Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU’s) from being used as short-term rentals, the bill offers very narrow sideboards that should be broadened to prevent any Rural ADU’s from being used for this purpose. Without an amendment to include more sideboards Central Oregon LandWatch must oppose SB 648.

Thank you for considering this request to broaden the scope of the bill to limit all Rural ADU’s from being used as short-term rentals.

Respectfully submitted,

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Central Oregon LandWatch



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