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**Oregon Chapter**

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House Committee On Housing and Homelessness  
Representative Maxine Dexter, Chair  
Representative Mark Gamba, Vice-Chair  
Representative Jeffrey Helfrich, Vice-Chair

RE: Testimony from the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) in support of HB 3174.

Dear Chair Dexter, Vice Chairs Gamba and Helfrich, and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) is a nonprofit professional membership organization of over 800 planners and those who work with planning in formulating and implementing development and conservation policies at the state and local level. OAPA works to create sustainable and vibrant Oregon communities through professional development, advocacy for sound planning, providing resources to meet the challenges of growth and change, and embracing and promoting diversity, inclusion and equity.

Addressing the housing crisis is a monumental task and planners around the state need the support from DLCD and OHCS to insure the housing is built and we do not fall further behind. OAPA supports the grant allocations and resources included in HB 3174, which will provide local governments with the funding and resources needed to support the development of housing across the state.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on HB 3147.

*Kevin C. Cook*

Sincerely,

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