



Sightline Institute is an independent think tank working to advance sustainability in the Pacific Northwest. We believe it exists at the intersection of environmental health and social justice.

We're writing in **support** of SB 847, including all posted amendments.

When people choose to live close to other people, they **voluntarily cut their energy use roughly in half**: they enjoy shorter trips, fewer trips by car, shared walls, and efficient utilities. Though we will never persuade everyone to live in proximity to other people, all Oregonians should all be able to agree that *if people want to make this choice*, we should get out of the way of it.

SB 847 would **help more Oregonians voluntarily make the choice to cut their energy in half** by living closer to each other and to their destinations.

We at Sightline want to especially endorse the benefits of:

- mixed uses in commercial zones
- more efficient vertical access for small-scale apartment buildings
- small-scale co-housing and residential care facilities in all neighborhoods
- duplexes in smaller cities
- removing unintended barriers to mixed uses in affordable housing projects

These cost-saving measures are a win-win for both market housing and below-market housing. They increase production by lowering the cost of creating homes. This will help all Oregonians afford housing while making every investment in OHCS go further.

They will also help more people live closer to each other if they want to. That's a win-win for our environment and our economy. Please support the bill and all amendments.

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