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As a state, we need to improve our housing stock availability and affordability. I believe SB 1051-2 will help with this for 2 reasons:

1. Oregon is the fourth most underproduced state in the nation as a share of our existing housing stock, and as a result, our housing costs are among the highest in the country. SB 1051-2 will help address these issues!
2. SB 1051-2 would allow cities to add up to 200 acres of shovel-ready land from their urban reserves into their UGBs for workforce housing and job development! And it does this while still protecting resource lands!

The Governor, the Legislature, and our state agencies have all agreed that addressing our housing crisis is a top priority, but without creative solutions like SB 1051-2, our state will be unable to address the crisis at the scale and speed that is needed to protect Oregon families and their budgets.

Thank you for your time considering these comments and your service to the State of Oregon.