

Testimony in support of HB 3440, Levy  
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**To:** Chair Helm, Vice Chairs Owens and Hartman, and Members of the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water

**From:** Bend City Councilor Megan Norris

I am pleased to provide my support for HB 3440 which offers innovative solutions for counties and cities grappling with much needed housing. HB 3440 would provide new opportunities to assist our most vulnerable – youth and families when it comes to securing a place to live.

By allowing Deschutes County to pool foreclosed property tax receipts, the City of Bend will benefit from allocation of these funds to help address the housing crisis in our community. With the rate of families and children that are houseless drastically increasing in our community we need options to increase shelters and housing that working families and young people can afford.

HB 3440 would result in a minor tweak to existing statute, but offer a huge win when it comes to tackling the housing crisis in Bend.

Thank you for your consideration,

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