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On Behalf Of: Myself

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure: HB2659

I am Edward J Sullivan, a retired attorney with 45 years of practice, most of it in land use law. I am a member of the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association and join with the testimony of the Chapter. However, I wish to add my personal testimony on the basis of my experience and familiarity with both housing and climate change, on which I have written extensively.

The urgency to act in the face of climate destruction is immediate. The response to those who would temporize is to stay the course and provide adequate funding for those cities subject to the CFEC rules to assure their implementation. The response that should be rejected is to delay implementation of those rules and make them subject to veto by those who would be subject to them. The legislature's focus on housing is well-taken, but if we are to survive to enjoy that housing, we must do our part to meet the challenge of climate change.

Please do not delay Oregon's response to climate change. Please reject this proposed legislation.