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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

I oppose this House Bill 3414 for the following reasons:

1. Historic resources are unique assets for local communities and their long-term preservation requires adherence to longstanding protection rules.
2. Design standards for Main Street and downtown areas are necessary to ensure these special places remain walkable and economically thriving commercial cores of Oregon's communities.
3. Preservationists throughout the state have worked collaboratively with local governments on sensible regulations and procedures that allow new residential development in historic areas.
4. By-right adjustments will break the community trust of local government officials and staff undermining decades of collaboration.
and
5. HB 3414 would not only nullify all of the detailed efforts in removing barriers to housing within historic, natural, and scenic protected areas, it would continue a well-established trend of displacement and gentrification of culturally diverse areas that deserve continued protection.