



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon State Capital
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

RE: OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 3414-4

I would like to express opposition to HB 3414-4. Communities across our state continue to grapple with the housing crisis; however the bill in its current form contradicts adopted state housing production priorities, removes important local tools to meet state requirements and adds new layers of bureaucracy that will prevent already limited city resources and staff from focusing on finding solutions at a jurisdictional level, while still encouraging and approving housing development applications.

Additionally, HB 3414-4 has the unintended consequences of eroding the primary pillar of the Oregon Land Use system: Goal 1, Citizen Involvement. In its current form HB 3414 will create distrust in State and Local Government and if for no other reason, should be justification for opposition.

The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) proposes -5 amendments that will meet the goals of HB 3414 being:

- Increase housing production
- Reduce Development Timelines
- Improve Affordability

The City supports the proposed amendments by the LOC and thanks you in advance for the opportunity to submit this testimony and for your consideration.

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