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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing in opposition to HB 3414. Oregon has spent decades crafting land use processes that require balanced consideration of development and conservation of natural and cultural resources, including ways to develop housing, appropriate to each local jurisdiction. The broad-brush approach of HB 3414 will greatly limit local ability to address specific site conditions of proposed development sites and, while potentially expediting the process of developing new housing, will not necessarily result in more affordable or “entry level” housing. It will put other resources that have been guaranteed due consideration and sometimes protection under state land use laws at risk.

While we do support having state-supported technical resources available to expedite the development of much needed housing, we cannot support housing at the cost of losing essential natural resource functions by the “broad-brush” approach for new housing ramrodded through by the state as currently proposed in the bill.