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

I would oppose HB3414 because it has inadequately expressed & presented the benefits of previous research & collaboration of the Historic Preservation community, to save & re-utilize pre-existing & historic structures of all kinds, in towns & neighborhoods all across the state of Oregon.

There is a growing interest & necessity in saving & restoring old places, which portray our history & heritage & natural settings. The importance of the Preservation Movement was underscored this past March by the Pritzker Prize in Architecture winner, Sir David Chipperfield, who said in his acceptance speech that "the future of architecture will be increasingly in the re-design & re-use of older buildings & historic rehabilitation, because of the space limitations in cities, & the financial benefits in adaptive re-use of pre-existing structures."

HB3414 deserves further research & collaboration with preservation organizations, like Restore Oregon & others, to include wider consideration of present & future trends in city planning & adaptive re-use of existing buildings & houses, the preservation of historic structures of all types, & the economic factors in the general population.

Thank you for considering this point of view.