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On Behalf Of: The Intertwine Alliance
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure: SB1537

Dear Chair Jama and other members of the Committee on Housing and Development,

On behalf of The Intertwine Alliance, I'm writing in general enthusiastic support of SB 1537, but with strong OPPOSITION to the provisions related to expanding the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

The Intertwine Alliance is a Portland metro region coalition of 80 public, private and nonprofit partners advocating for parks, trails, green space and equitable access to nature. We do our work in alignment with colleagues in affordable housing and transportation justice, for maximum benefits to all communities. We applaud Gov. Kotek for prioritizing solutions the housing crisis, and we overall support this bill and the many good and needed elements of it. But bypassing our tried and true land use laws is not a necessary or effective part of this strategy; we can reach our goals without the harm that large increases to the UGB will do.

Please amend this bill to remove any provisions that allow for large UGB expansions.

Thank you for your time.

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