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TO: Joint Committee On Ways and Means – Subcommittee On Natural Resources
FROM: Alyx Peterson, Staff Attorney, Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA)
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RE: SB 5529 – response to committee question

Self-Represented Party Participation at LUBA

During the February 27, 2025, public hearing on SB 5529, Senator Anderson asked LUBA to provide more information about the number of self-represented parties in LUBA appeals. This memo responds to that request.

Parties to LUBA appeals are either represented by an attorney or represent themselves. OAR 661-010-0012(1) governs appearances before LUBA and provides, in part:

“An individual shall either appear on their own behalf or be represented by an attorney. A corporation or other organization shall be represented by an attorney.”

Per OAR 661-010-0012(1), local governments must be represented. Between January 1, 2020, and December 31, 2024, there were a combined total of 928 parties to LUBA appeals, excluding local governments. Of the combined 928 petitioners and intervenors, 818, or 88.15 percent, were represented by an attorney and 110, or 11.85 percent, were self-represented.

We hope that this explanation answers the committee question. Please contact us with any further questions or concerns.

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