

February 4, 2025

Joint Ways and Means Committee Subcommittee on Natural Resources 900 Court Street NE, Salem Oregon 97301

RE: SB 5528 Department of Land Conservation and Development 2025-27 Budget

Dear Co-Chair Frederick, Co-Chair Levy, and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability supports the Governor's Recommended Budget for the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), including the Policy Option Packages.

We appreciate the work that DLCD has undertaken to implement the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) process. The State's role in implementation does not end with the adoption of administrative rules. We have found that this work is complex and the implementation of Housing Production Strategies (HPS) will require DLCD staff support and grant funding to local jurisdictions to continue planning and zoning work to meet Oregon's housing production targets. We have benefitted from local assistance grants to increase middle housing choices in our residential neighborhoods and are currently working on two grant-supported projects to increase development capacity to meet our housing needs. We foresee a need for additional assistance as we undertake additional projects to implement our HPS over the next few years.

The recommended budget aligns with our priorities to increase housing production and we encourage your support to fund these initiatives.

Sincerely,

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