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Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural Resources
Oregon State Capitol
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RE: City of Bend support for DLCD budget recommendations (SB 5528)

Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy and Members of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources

The City of Bend provides this testimony in support of SB 5528. SB 5528 is the biennial appropriations bill for the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). The City has worked closely with DLCD staff on a number of important projects, including recent updates to the Bend Comprehensive Plan, Development Codes, and unique projects such as the Stevens Road Tract. The City appreciates DLCD staff's ongoing commitment to helping ensure that our local planning efforts comply with state regulatory requirements.

In particular, the City supports the proposed grant program funding of \$12,802,894, which includes \$7,000,000 in the policy option packages for grants to local governments. This level of direct funding would represent a significant increase over past biennia. The City greatly appreciates this recommendation and urges the subcommittee's strong support. This funding will help ensure that local governments can successfully and effectively implement new and complex regulatory requirements such as the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) and Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC).

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony and please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Damian Syrnyk".

Damian Syrnyk, AICP, Senior Planner

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