



Testimony by City of Wilsonville Mayor Shawn O'Neil Supporting SB 5528:

***Proposed DLCD Budget Funds Key Grant Programs that Assist
Local Governments to Comply with Many New Land-Use State Laws***

Scheduled for public hearing on Feb. 4, 2025, before the
Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural Resources

Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy and Members of the Committee:

I am testifying in strong support of SB 5528, which provides the Department of Land Conservation and Development with new resources to advance state housing goals that have to be implemented at the local level.

The City of Wilsonville especially 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).

The City supports components of a number of proposed Policy Option Packages. POP 501 includes \$3.5 million to be used for grants to local governments for development code updates to align local housing codes with state housing policies; and long-range planning projects that support housing production. POP 503 includes \$1.5 million to provide grants to local governments for housing planning and code updates, where 20-25 projects are currently waitlisted for housing production-related grant funding. POP 504 includes \$500,000 for local governments to conduct local wetland inventories, which are key to advance development. And POP 505 includes \$1.5 million for grants for local governments and additional resources for consultation on middle-housing codes.

The City appreciates your consideration and urges a Do-Pass vote on SB 5528. Thank you for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shawn O'Neil', is positioned above the printed name.

Shawn O'Neil, Mayor
City of Wilsonville