



American Planning Association
Oregon Chapter

Creating Great Communities for All

February 5, 2025

House Housing and Homelessness

Re: HB 2347 with -1 amendments

Position: Support

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Andersen, Vice Chair Breese-Iverson, and members of the committee:

I am writing in support of HB 2347 and its -1 amendments, on behalf of the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association.

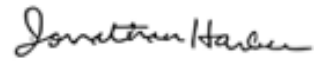
The Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) is a nonprofit membership organization of over 800 planning professionals, and those who work with planners in formulating and implementing development and conservation policies at the state and local levels. OAPA works to create sustainable and vibrant Oregon communities through professional development, advocacy for sound planning, providing resources to meet the challenges of growth and change, and embracing and promoting diversity, inclusion and equity.

OAPA's support of HB 2347 and its -1 amendments is based on an OAPA priority to support legislation that addresses the housing supply and housing affordability crisis. We advocate for solutions to increase long-term housing availability, affordability, and choices for Oregonians statewide.

OAPA enthusiastically supports the bill's provision that authorizes the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) to provide planning assistance for housing production to federally recognized Indian tribes. We have no concerns with the bill's clarifying changes related to various existing housing provisions or with the clarifications in the -1 amendments related to the housing production strategy implementation report.

Thank you for considering OAPA's testimony on HB 2347-1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jonathan Harker".

Jonathan Harker

Chair, Legislative and Policy Affairs Committee

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