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February 5, 2025

Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural Resources
Co-Chair Senator Lew Frederick
Co-Chair Representative Emerson Levy

Re: Support for Senate Bill 5528

Dear Co-Chairs Frederick and Levy, and members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural Resources:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of Senate Bill 5528, which appropriates funding from the General Fund to the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) for biennial expenses such as planning.

Northwest Pilot Project (NWPP) is a social service agency with over five decades of experience in providing housing stabilization services to low and very low-income older adults, aged 55 and over, experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Multnomah County. Alan DeLaTorre, PhD, is a policy advocate with NWPP and a subject matter expert on housing and environments for older adults; Dr. DeLaTorre's expertise had led to his involvement with the Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) Needs and Production Technical Advisory Committee (NAPTAC; 2023-24) and follow-up work on the Housing Actions Work Group (HAWG; 2025) – both the Committee and Work Group have been led by DLCD staff and consultants, who have been excellent partners in the process.

NWPP strongly supports Senate Bill 5528 as DLCD is integral to statewide planning activities, including work related to housing for older adults and people with disabilities. We feel it is critically important to support DLCD so it can continue the implementation of the OHNA rules, including continued efforts related to HAWG and other department functions.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Yoni Kahn (yonik@nwproject.org) and/or Alan DeLaTorre (aland@nwproject.org).

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