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February 5th, 2025

Re: Support for SB 5528

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

The Metropolitan Mayors' Consortium, representing the mayors of twenty-five cities in the Portland Metro Area that collectively home over 1.7 million Oregonians, write today in support of the critical investments in local government technical assistance grants provided under SB 5528.

Metro-area cities have provided tremendous amounts of resources and staff hours to comply with unfunded, state-mandated planning responsibilities outlined in Oregon Housing Needs Analysis (OHNA) and Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) programs.

The MMC specifically supports funding for the following \$7M in policy option packages found within the DLCDC budget bill in order to assist cities in complying with state housing law:

- 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
- POP 504 includes \$500,000 for local governments to conduct local wetland inventories, which are key to advance development.
- POP 505 includes \$1.5 million for grants for local governments and additional resources for consultation on middle-housing codes.

Without additional resources, it will be difficult to metro-area cities to successfully implement OHNA, CFEC, and other forthcoming middle housing requirements. We urge the committee to support the inclusion of the funds outlined above.

Sincerely,

Chair Lacey Batey, on behalf of the Metropolitan Mayor's Consortium