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To the Housing and Development Chair and Committee,

Senator Cedric Hayden has been trying to get this bill over the finish line for years. And with the price of eggs, the time to act is now.

One time it passed the House and one time it passed the Senate, this year it really needs to pass both and be signed by the Governor.

Food insecurity is a real thing, and this is also an easy solution to the carbon emissions issue.

There are reports and articles included to suggest both.

Owning chickens is also a cultural thing and the restrictions on the right to subsist are archaic and regressive. If the municipality allows backyard chickens, the local HOA's should not be allowed to supersede the ordinances in place. Every person has a basic right to grow and harvest their own food, on their own land, which includes food gardens and chickens. Lawns are a water resource drain as well as the maintenance and the fertilizers. Chickens create food and reduce greenhouse pollution when they turn kitchen scraps into food and produce eggs.

Under the current uncertainty with the political climate, The State of Oregon has a unique opportunity to ensure that families are able to provide food for themselves with this bill, will working towards climate goals as well.

Thank you for supporting this bill and moving it forward towards statue.