

Testimony in Support of HB 2950

Dear Co-Chair Helm, Co-Chair Owens, Vice-Chair Finger McDonald, and members of the committee:

My name is Brendan Adamczyk and I am writing to testify in support of HB 2950, which would modernize Statewide Planning Goal 1 through a comprehensive advisory committee process. I support this legislation as a recent recipient of a Masters in Public Administration degree from the University of Oregon and a current natural hazard mitigation planner with the university who has worked on land use planning at the local level in counties across the state.

Public participation is essential to the success of our state's land use planning program and should be implemented in ways that are equitable, achievable and standardized across the state – HB 2950 will help make that happen. I have seen time and again how public policy here in Oregon has been improved by the input of community members and we should embrace any changes to make the system and the process more participatory.

HB 2950 will give the direction and the resources necessary for DLCD and LCDC to modernize Goal 1, which has remained unchanged since it was first adopted 50 years ago. In that time, participation technology has evolved, outreach techniques have changed, inclusivity practices have improved, and barriers to public participation have been studied and identified by land use experts across the state — it is long overdue for our public engagement goal to reflect these advancements.

For these reasons, I urge your support for HB 2950!

Thank you,

Brendan Adamczyk