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HB2950

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens and Vice-Chair McDonald,

Re: Support for HB2950

I'm not a planner, but I have worked with and for elected officials during my career and since I've retired. Engaging the public, beyond the same 5 or 10 people, is always a challenge when significant issues arise. DLCD has some responsibility to promote this engagement via Goal 1.

Amazingly, Goal 1 hasn't been updated in 50 years. Seems obvious to say that much has changed, including intentional efforts to be more inclusive in the planning process. Oregon needs to modernize this tool for the 21st century. It appears the advisory is well balanced and should be able to identify and address the pertinent elements.

I urge your support for HB 2950. Thank you.

Ramsay