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I am interested in learning how the 949SB will support the north side of Portland and northeast building homes that will be affordable for individuals to continue living in the community where they grew up. Personally, I grew up on the northeast side of Portland, which is struggling, and Vancouver, where I no longer reside due to the severe rent crisis. The exorbitant rent increases have rendered it unaffordable for me, and I have experienced homelessness or been at risk of homelessness due to my inability to pay rent at times. I believe that individuals like myself will benefit from low-income housing initiatives that alleviate the burden of unaffordable rent, enabling us to remain in the community where we have roots. I firmly support this bill, as it will greatly assist us in staying in our community and prevent further displacement from the area where we were born and raised. I wholeheartedly endorse this bill 100%.