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TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means
Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development

As the voice of Oregon architects, AIA Oregon is the state's chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), providing over 1,500 members with practice resources, professional continuing education and advocating for sound public policies that support livable, sustainable communities everywhere.

We are advocating for the passage of SB 551I, the Consumer and Business Services budget bill. We believe this budget reflects the Oregon Building Codes Division' continued focus on creating safe, efficient, affordable buildings in Oregon.

AIA has noted that BCD has been prioritizing housing production, workforce development, and regulatory streamlining, with these key areas that influence the architectural practice:

- Building Evaluation Support Agreements
- ePermitting expansion
- Training
- Creating housing and building safety partnership with land conservation and development
- Oregon Design Criteria Hub
- Licensing and enforcement partnership increase
- Learning Management System
- Permitting and Billing Technology
- State Plans Examiners

AIA Oregon supports these actions and BCD's continued work in Oregon. **We urge your support of SB 551I.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Heather Wilson".

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