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I am genuinely in favor of this bill. However, I sincerely request that this section be deleted: Section 22(1)(f) from this bill regarding removing the requirement for a demolition review process of historic resources. The Statewide recognition of historic resources is of utmost importance to retain a sense of place, history and context of each individual county, city, town, and neighborhood. It's what makes Oregon unique. The demolition review process does not inhibit demolition, it merely allows the property owner to reevaluate the historic integrity, significance, and condition of their valuable resources versus renovation and adaptive reuse before determining that demolition is their only solution.

The intent of HB 2138 is to create more middle housing in Oregon, which I generally support. As written, middle or affordable housing is not required as a condition for removing a demolition review process.