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I oppose the dropping of design review from Oregon housing law. There are a lot of good off the shelf designs available that do not require an architect, if cost is a consideration. People live within their built environment, and it has a subtle underlying effect, which can be positive or negative. Buildings last a long time, and poor design and unattractive built environments remain as a negative for a long time. It is not that difficult to build new buildings that fit reasonably well into their surroundings. I do not want future generations to go "what were they thinking" with the dropping of design review for new buildings.