



**The Office of
MAYOR**

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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2258-1 Governor's Oregon Homes Bill

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese Iverson, Members of the Committee,

Lincoln City stands in opposition to HB 2258-1.

Oregon is facing a housing crisis, with a need to build over 100,000 homes to meet Oregonian's needs. Cities agree that we need to address our housing shortage and addressing the underlying issues in housing underproduction, like lack of infrastructure funding and market economics.

Due to the reasonable and necessary restrictions that this measure places on what lots this can apply to in many of our localities there are not many lots that this measure will impact. HB 2258 will not generate large scale housing production and will only serve to undermine local control and remove local governments' abilities to tailor housing production to meet their local communities' needs.

Oregon is a vast and diverse state, local governments tailor their local codes and zoning to their communities' needs and concerns, some communities need to address wind and flooding in their building codes while others may need to think more about wildfire. Some have an aging population and may need to think about age in place, while others may need more homes for growing families or young professionals. A home that may work well for one region may be unsafe or not fit for the community needs in another. This bill creates a one-size fits all model for housing.



Oregon needs more housing, we need bills that significantly move the needle and work with our communities, HB 2258 is not one of them.

Respectfully,

Susan Kay Wahlke

Lincoln City Mayor

