

March 26, 2025

Attn: House Committee on Housing and Homelessness of the Oregon State Legislature

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of Umpqua Community College (UCC), I am writing to express our strong support for House Bill 3921, which approves the City of Roseburg's urban growth boundary (UGB) exchange as outlined in City Ordinance No. 3604 and Douglas County Ordinance No. 2024-0901.

As an institution committed to providing quality education and fostering community development, we recognize the critical importance of accessible and affordable housing. UCC has committed to realizing this by renovating buildings in downtown Roseburg, simultaneously revitalizing the area and providing affordable housing for our students. We view this bill as working alongside our own efforts.

The proposed UGB adjustments will facilitate the development of new housing opportunities within Roseburg, addressing the pressing need for increased housing availability in our region. By expanding the urban growth boundary to include additional land for residential development, HB 3921 will help alleviate the current housing shortage that affects our students, our ability to attract strong employees, and the broader community.

Furthermore, the bill's provisions to streamline the approval process for these boundary changes demonstrate a proactive approach to urban planning that supports both current residents and future growth.

Umpqua Community College fully supports HB 3921. This legislation is a vital step toward enhancing housing accessibility in Roseburg, thereby supporting our students and contributing to the economic and social vitality of our community.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Rachel Pokrandt President & CEO