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Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity for us to provide testimony in support of this legislation.

Bend YIMBY is an all-volunteer pro-housing organization in Bend, Oregon, and we are writing to support SB 1103 because Oregon needs more housing, and in cities like Bend, it needs it in more central, walkable areas that are also less fire-prone.

As our city grows, so has our strain on the utilities that were placed here decades ago. We've heard time and time again that aging infrastructure has been a consideration that has delayed or blocked new development in the core of our city.

Providing funding to enable this is another tool that will help align what we say we want more of—more land-use efficient, walkable, climate friendly cities—with what we actually get.

Thank you,

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