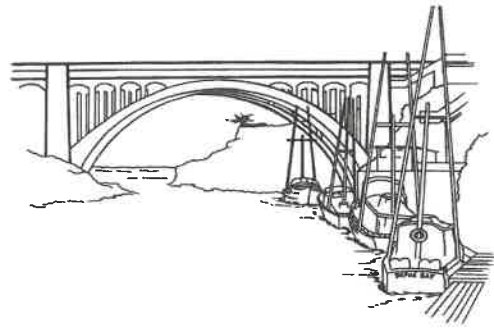


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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE,
Salem, OR 97301

The City of Depoe Bay 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 the underlying issues in housing underproduction, like lack of infrastructure funding and market economics.

Due to the reasonable and necessary safety restrictions this measure places on what lots this can apply to in many of our localities, there are few that this measure will apply to. HB 2258-1 will not generate large scale housing production and will only serve to undermine local control and remove local governments' ability to tailor housing production to meet local needs.

Oregon is a vast and diverse state, and 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 many have an aging population and they may need to think about aging in place, while others may need more homes for growing families or young professionals. A home that works well for one region may be unsafe or unfit community needs in another. This bill creates a one-size-fits-all model for housing that won't work.

A compromise would be to make the creation of flexible, locally driven systems that allow for collaboration between the manufactured housing producers, builders and developers, and cities to create local programs that reach the same end goal, but with the individual needs of our communities in mind.

Oregon needs more housing, and we need bills that significantly move the needle and work with our communities; however HB 2258-1 is not one of them. We urge a "NO" vote on HB 2258-1.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy Short, Mayor
City of Depoe Bay