



Testimony in Support of SB 49

April 23, 2025

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Breese Iverson & Anderson and Members of the House Housing Committee,

For the record, my name is Joseph Santos-Lyons, and I serve as Chief of Staff to Senator Khanh Pham. Senator Pham is testifying in another hearing this afternoon and is unable to appear before you today. I'm here on her behalf to express support for **Senate Bill 49**.

This straightforward legislation, which passed unanimously out of the Senate Housing & Development Committee, expands the Building Codes Structures Board by adding two key voices: a fire protection engineer and an expert in designing or building multifamily housing. The bill has no organized opposition.

As Chair of the Senate Housing and Development Committee, Senator Pham has made it a priority to identify ways to accelerate housing production across Oregon to address our state's deepening affordability crisis. Including professionals with direct experience in multifamily housing ensures that our building codes are informed by those who know the realities of getting this kind of housing built.

You may recall that earlier versions of this bill included broader proposals related to inclusionary zoning, minimum densities, historic districts, and model code reforms. Those provisions are no longer part of SB 49. Senator Pham remains committed to those policy ideas and plans to pursue them in future sessions.

On behalf of Senator Pham, I respectfully urge your support. Thank you.