



April 30, 2025

Senate Committee on Housing and Development

RE: Support for HB 3921

Dear Senators

On behalf of the membership of the Umpqua Economic Development Partnership, we are pleased to provide our support for HB 3921. Passage and approval of this legislation will allow the City of Roseburg to finalize their UGB swap application. This important project is designed to increase residential development capacity to help meet Roseburg's housing needs.

As the Economic Development Organization for Douglas County, the Partnership recognizes a severe shortage of housing is an impediment to local economic development objectives. Available housing is a key component to retaining and attracting people to work in our area. The lack of available housing at any price point in Roseburg is a barrier for many people interested in relocating, investing, and improving our community.

HB 3921 provides the opportunity to add significant housing development, which in turn provides substantial economic benefits to our region. The concept of exchanging steep and inaccessible acres for lands more capable of development is an example of good government and planning. The costs of infrastructure and site development are significantly lower on relatively flat land as compared to the majority of Roseburg's existing vacant residential property that is on steep slopes. If approved, amending the UGB will provide a much needed opportunity for an increase in available housing within the Roseburg city limits.

It is evident that the City has successfully addressed necessary criteria and worked with numerous affected parties to develop a solution to housing development needs in the City. We urge your committee to approve HB 3921 for the betterment of our current and future community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Prawitz'.

Brian Prawitz

Executive Director

Umpqua Economic Development Partnership