

April 28, 2025

Attn: Senate Committee on Housing and Development 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 creating a more responsive and functional urban boundary that includes additional land for residential development, HB 3921 will help alleviate the current housing shortage that affects our students and the broader community.

Supporting smart, planned growth within the Roseburg area strengthens the foundation for our current and future workforce and enhances our ability to deliver education and training aligned with regional needs.

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 resiliency of our community.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Rachel Pokrandt President & CEO