

Submitter: Keith Tymchuk
On Behalf Of: Oregon iSector
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Capital Construction
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

Co-Chairs Senator Girod and Representative Nosse and members of the sub-committee,

My name is Keith Tymchuk. I was a 6-term Mayor in Reedsport, Oregon and a 30-year member of the Port of Umpqua Board of Directors. I am currently (since it's inception) the Convener for the southcoast Regional solutions Advisory Team and a Director for Central Lincoln PUD. I know a bit about coastal development needs.

I am also the coastal liasson for Oregon iSector. Oregon iSector (in conjunction with R3 Strategies) is focused on providing rural communities with technical assistance for housing production. I have been working closely with the developers of a critical Tillamook housing project and with the Tillamook County Housing Coordinator.

I am writing in support of SB 5531. The passage of this bill will enable the construction of workforce housing (WFH) projects such as the Tillamook Bay Commons. This project is intended to providing housing for healthcare workers, educators, and other essential Tillamook County employees. The developers have worked closely with the largest employers in the Tillamook area, each of which needs workforce housing development for their labor base.

The \$6.3 million in grant funding needed to complete this innovative, FULLY PRE-LEASED, workforce housing project is essential to the health and livelihood of the Tillamook community, which is badly in need of this sort of housing. It may also serve as a template for how other housing effort along the coast and in rural Oregon can get completed.

Please consider supporting this bill and the vital community WFH project in Tillamook City.

Sincerely,

Keith Tymchuk
Oregon iSector