



TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means Capital Construction
RE: SB 5531 Support

The City of Woodburn strongly urges full funding of Senate Bill 5531. SB 5531 supports a wide range of critical economic and community development infrastructure projects across Oregon, childcare services and programming, as well as funding for the Oregon Main Street program, which Woodburn has participated in since 2010, utilizing its resources to revitalize and preserve our historic and culturally diverse downtown core.

Two primary infrastructure priorities for Woodburn that align with the goals of SB 5531 goals are (1) a sewer trunk line upsizing, and (2) a new well project- both of which will serve approximately 142 acres of medium-density residentially zoned land. These lands are capable of supporting an estimated 3,000 new housing units at an average density of 22 units per acre—thereby providing critically needed and affordable workforce housing in the fastest-growing city in Oregon. Woodburn has consistently led in delivering affordable housing in north Marion County.

These two projects are necessary to unlock the development potential of these 142 acres as they are too cost-prohibitive for individual developers due to the need to bore under a rail line and the basin-wide scale of improvements required. Piecemeal infrastructure upgrades tied to individual developments are also inefficient and impractical from an engineering standpoint.

With funding from SB 5531, the City of Woodburn can remove this major development barrier by completing the sewer trunk line replacement and new well, catalyzing the creation of thousands of housing units- a goal of Oregon's Governor- and delivering long-term public infrastructure benefits beyond the new development area throughout our wider community.

We respectfully ask you to support full funding of Senate Bill 5531 to ensure communities like Woodburn can continue to partner on removing barriers to housing development and foster economic growth and opportunities for our communities.


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