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Testimony on SB 5531

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My name is Parker Sammons, and I serve as the Housing Coordinator for Tillamook County. I am submitting this testimony on SB 5531, which includes funding provisions for non-profit workforce housing.

Workforce housing is critically needed in Tillamook County and across Oregon. The development of workforce housing through a non-profit model is a relatively new approach in our state but one that holds significant promise. A key benefit of this structure is that any revenue generated is reinvested directly into the organization's mission—in this case, creating and sustaining housing. This reinvestment model means that public funds allocated to non-profit workforce housing can yield a compounding return, helping to deliver more units over time.

When adequately supported, non-profit workforce housing initiatives can make meaningful, measurable contributions to addressing Oregon's housing shortage. As you consider the provisions of SB 5531, I encourage you to recognize the important role that non-profit workforce housing can play in expanding access to affordable homes for working Oregonians.

Thank you,

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