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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4113

Oregon is confronting a significant shortage of workforce housing. HB 4113 provides a pragmatic solution by updating a 2009 development alternative mechanism that has proven unworkable, bringing it in line with current housing demands.

The Metolius Basin's protections remain intact: This legislation doesn't weaken them. Rather, it accomplishes three key objectives: it ensures permanent conservation of the land, enables workforce housing development in areas where communities have documented critical shortages, and addresses a 17-year-old challenge in a fair and responsible manner.

I urge you to advance HB 4113 with suitable safeguards in place.