



February 13, 2026

Senator Fred Girod, Co-Chair  
Representative Rob Nosse, Co-Chair  
Members of the Joint Committee on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Girod, Chair Nosse, and members of the committee,

For the record, my name is Dirk van der Velde, Founder and CEO of Momentasize. We are working to ensure that Depoe Bay has housing accessible to the local workforce that sustains the region's hospitality, fishing, and tourism-based economy.

We are seeking support for 47 new affordable housing units in Depoe Bay. The site is located within the larger Depoe Hills master-planned community, alongside newly constructed single-family homes. By integrating affordable housing into a broader neighborhood, we are intentionally creating an inclusive community that provides housing for the people who live and work there.

Housing affordability along the Oregon Coast continues to worsen as more visitors and second-home buyers are drawn to the region's natural beauty. National travel publications increasingly spotlight Depoe Bay as a premier destination, accelerating demand well beyond what the local housing market can support.

As a result, the workforce that keeps restaurants open, boats running, and hotels staffed struggles to find stable, affordable housing nearby. In Lincoln County, roughly 60% of households qualify as low-income or workforce households, and nearly three-quarters are renters, yet the supply of affordable housing remains extremely limited.

We are requesting legislative support to acquire the land and complete design and permitting. This investment will permanently secure the site for affordable and workforce housing, ensuring that Depoe Bay remains not only a destination, but a livable community for the people who make it special.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I am happy to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

Dirk van der Velde  
Founder & CEO  
Momentasize