

Testimony in Favor of HB 2890 – Repeal of ORS 197.309, Prohibition of City's Ability to Use "Inclusionary Zoning"

For Public Hearing Scheduled on March 22, 2013

To Chair Tomei, Vice-Chairs Olson and Gomberg, and members of the House Committee on Human Services and Housing:

The City of Wilsonville supports House Bill 2890 that repeals ORS 197.309, which prohibits a city's ability to enact "inclusionary zoning" ordinances.

Repeal of ORS 197.309 restores local control of land-use planning at the community level.

Nothing in Oregon law compels a community to adopt "inclusionary zoning" ordinances. Rather, this legislation lifts a pre-emption by the State that prohibits local communities from the use of inclusionary zoning as a tool in the provision of affordable housing.

The overriding issue from a local government's perspective is a desire to remove this State preemption and to restore local autonomy on matters more rightfully decided by a community, rather than by the State.

The City of Wilsonville urges a DO-PASS vote by the House Committee on Human Services and Housing on HB 2890.

Sincerely,

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