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**RE: Testimony from the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association on HB 2456**

Dear Chair Clem, Members of the House Committee on Rural Communities, Land Use, and Water

The Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) represents over 800 professional and citizen planners in the State of Oregon and offers this testimony in support of HB 2456. This bill has been introduced by the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development through Governor Kitzhaber.

HB 2456 proposes to modify the optional process for evaluation of changes to an urban growth boundary of a city outside of Metro with a population of 10,000 or more. This bill makes corrections to legislation passed during the 2013 session (HB 2254). HB 2456 makes a correction to the statute that was intended to be included in the final HB 2254. OAPA has supported the work of the Governor's Office, the Department, and the Land Conservation and Development Commission to provide a more simple and effective path for cities to follow in planning for future urban growth in urban growth boundaries.

The Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association supports HB 2456. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Franklin'.

Jason Franklin, AICP, President  
Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association