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State Sen. Richard Devlin  
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Dear Friends:

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The City of Bend is now going through its UGB expansion process. It is crucial that the Department of Land Conservation and Development maintain or increase its capacity to assist Bend in its efforts and to process our City's response to its remand order in a timely manner. We ask that you ensure that the DLCD budget is adequate to address issues of interest to our City, specifically:

- The proposed budget does not include funding for staff to review UGB amendments from jurisdictions outside the Metro area. Bend will be submitting a UGB amendment to the Department for its review in spring of 2016. It's reasonable to expect that other jurisdictions will submit UGB amendments that will require Department review during this biennium. Bend is in a full-fledged housing crisis and we cannot afford a delay in time to complete this project due to over-committed staff.
- The proposed budget also assumes a phase-out of UGB streamlining started in 2013 under HB 2254. While we understand this work is likely to be completed with final rules in 2016, we want to ensure that DLCD has the capacity to implement the new rules and assist communities with proposals under this new system as well as the capacity to review existing UGB amendments under the current system.
- The proposed budget for the Natural Hazards Program does not include any additional staff time for rule-making under Goal 7. There are at least eight bills are making their way through the legislature, including HB 2633, which may require additional staff for DLCD to implement effectively. Bend needs as much clarity as possible on Goal 7-related issues.

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Finally, we hope that DLCD has the capacity to continue to work collaboratively with Bend, particularly by having staff available to answer questions at our work sessions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Victor Chudowsky  
Bend City Council  
Chair, Urban Growth Boundary Steering Committee