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TESTIMONY REGARDING SENATE BILL 94

I am writing to propose an important amendment to SB 94. This testimony is being submitting in my capacity as the Director of Planning and Development for Lincoln County on behalf of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners.

We strongly recommend the mandatory rule-making provisions of the bill, Section 1, be amended to provide the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) the discretion to undertake rulemaking.

Here's why. Up and down the Oregon Coast, community leaders are taking steps to be prepared for the day their community is struck by an earthquake and tsunami. In furtherance of this work the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) recently developed a document entitled: *Preparing for a Cascadia Subduction Zone Tsunami: A Land Use Guide For Oregon Coastal Communities*. In discussions with colleagues in the planning community, and, with staff from the Coastal Program at DLCD, we determined there's a consensus that the measures contained in DLCD's guidance document need to be field-tested through pilot projects at the local level on the Oregon Coast.

For that reason, we believe that SB 94's and HB 3447's statutory mandate requiring the LCDC to promulgate rules would be premature. Moreover, forcing LCDC to promulgate rules, at this time, will be counterproductive because it will divert resources away from getting pilot projects going at the local level; projects that can refine measures proposed by DLCD in their guidance document to local governments.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

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