

**Testimony by Wilsonville Mayor Tim Knapp
in Support of SB 1533:**

**Lifting State Preemption on Cities' Ability to Use
Inclusionary Zoning Provides Communities New
Tool to Promote Affordable Housing Options**



For Public Hearing Scheduled on Feb. 8, 2016, Before the
Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

To Chair Gelser, Vice-Chair Olsen and Members of the Committee:

The City of Wilsonville supports SB 1533, which lifts the current state preemption on optional, local community use of inclusionary zoning.

The Wilsonville City Council has sought to lift this preemption of municipal authority since unanimously adopting in February 2007 Resolution No. 2039, “A Resolution of the City of Wilsonville Supporting the Lifting of the Pre-Emption that Prohibits Local Communities from the Use of Inclusionary Zoning as a Tool in the Provision of Affordable Housing.”

Nothing in Oregon law compels a community to adopt “inclusionary zoning” ordinances. Rather, this legislation lifts a preemption by the State that prohibits local communities from the use of inclusionary zoning as a tool in the provision of affordable housing that is in high demand by Oregon residents.

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 on SB 1533. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Knapp".

Tim Knapp, Mayor
City of Wilsonville