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House Committee on Human Services and Housing
State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 3012

Dear Chair Keny-Guyer and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 3012. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice.

HB 3012 offers an opportunity to preserve historic homes in rural residential areas as an accessory unit that is used "in connection with or that is auxiliary to" a single-family dwelling. We appreciate that the sponsors have limited the application of this to defined historic houses, only in rural residential areas, and that the historic house must actually be restored. Because of these provisions, and that the overall number of such structures is likely limited, we can support the bill due to its minimal impact on rural resources or farming.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy".

Mary Kyle McCurdy
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