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Rep Ann Lininger, Chair
House Committee on Economic Development and Trade
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Testimony from the City of Bend on HB 3137

Dear Chair Lininger and Members of the Committee:

The City of Bend appreciates the opportunity to testify on HB 3137, and supports the bill as written.

HB 3137 proposes some key changes to the State's urban renewal statute, ORS Chapter 457. The bill changes the description of "Blighted Areas" in the statute by adding "Brownfields" as a new (j) under ORS 457.010. The bill also adds references to remediation in subsequent sections of the bill. This would allow cities like Bend to consider and allow Brownfields as one of several purposes to be addressed through urban renewal, including plans for remediation.

The changes proposed through HB 3137 will help the City pursue urban renewal as a means of supporting infill and redevelopment within the current urban growth boundary (UGB).

The City recommends the Committee forward the bill on to the House with a Do Pass recommendation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Sincerely,

Eric King
City Manager