

# Framework

an urban + rural ecology

## Testimony in support of HB-2752, Framework, a Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) project

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This is a story / an urban-rural story / an American story. A place sometime in the near future where tall wood buildings, borne from rural forest communities, contribute to the formation of healthy sustainable cities.

Although this is a new story, it is already in the making.

Right now, around Oregon - forestland owners, lumber mills, and the first certified CLT manufacture in the United States have joined forces with local design, engineering, and development professionals in a collaborative ecosystem - to write this story.

A pipeline of projects awaits in the wings.

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Framework is a shovel-ready demonstration project that will be the first high-rise building in the United States made from wood. Why is it a demonstration project? because 1) it's essentially a wood skyscraper; 2) it is designed to be resilient to earthquakes; 3) it will have replicable parts that can be used in future buildings across the U.S; 4) will be a learning laboratory for researchers, and finally it will unlock the demand for new wood products industry in America.

As a values-driven project, Framework's mission is to promote social justice, environmental well-being, and economic opportunity. This is executed not only through the building materials, and construction but also by the unique programmatic elements in the building. These include: Affordable Housing for 60%AMI or below in partnership with Home Forward, Offices for B Corporations, retail, beneficial banking for the underserved, and a tall wood exhibit open to the public.

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With a modest investment from the state, The Framework Project unlocks dramatic future economic potential in Oregon's wood products industry, bringing jobs to rural communities like Riddle Oregon, and bringing economic prosperity in the form of commercial enterprises and urban homes to low income Oregonians. In effect achieving, many of the goals you continue to work on.

Framework respectfully requests an investment up to \$2 million in order to bring a \$46 million project to reality. 67% of the project financing will come from private sources and grants — we already have commitments of \$26M from private sources and \$2.5M from three granting sources including involvement of multiple foundations. Additionally, we also have the commitment of \$6 million from our local government for the 60 units of low income housing portion of the project.

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Since 1859, our culture has been one of resourcefulness and of “making”. The forest - is engrained in our buildings, how we make a living, in the fabric of the land, and in its people. Framework, from forest to frame, is poised to usher in a new era in manufacturing here in Oregon.

On behalf of the Framework team, please support Bill HB-2752. Thank you for the opportunity to make this story a reality.