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Chair
House Committee on Agriculture and Land Use
State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2075

Dear Chair Clem and Committee Members:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2075. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that has worked with Oregonians for more than 40 years to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice.

HB 2075 would establish a Development Readiness Fund at the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD). DLCD's budget request, Policy Option Package 101, would allocate \$1.35 million to support the local government housing and economic development planning contemplated by HB 2075.

In 2018, the Legislature provided funding to start this program. We have watched as DLCD efficiently got those funds out the door to over 50 cities across the state, to provide the technical assistance needed for Housing Needs Analyses (HNAs) and Housing Audits. These are crucial elements to make long-term changes in how and where these cities accommodate needed housing. When completed, turning the results of those HNAs and audits into actual land use plan and code changes will result in more housing opportunities for more Oregonians. HB 2075 continues this work, for both housing and economic development planning, by filling technical gaps in local government planning capacity through direct services.

We urge you to support HB 2075. Thank you for consideration of our comments

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy".

Mary Kyle McCurdy
Deputy Director