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Representative Jennifer Williamson, Chair
House Judiciary Committee
900 Court Street, NE, Hearing Room E
Salem, OR 97301

Re: HB 2285

Dear Chair Williamson and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of HB 2285, which will allow a city or county to obtain a judgment against property in lieu of receivership.

The City of Portland supports the ability to obtain a priority lien in lieu of appointing a receiver to complete abatement. This priority lien would serve as a code enforcement penalty that would be paid once the violation was corrected, or the property was sold or redeveloped. This approach will provide an incentive to induce correction action in lieu of actual appointment of a receiver to complete necessary repairs. This is a good approach because Portland has not been able to establish a list of eligible receivers to perform abatement work if the City exercises abatement authority. It is another tool in the toolbox to persuade responsible parties to take more timely action to avoid significant penalties that would be made a priority lien.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca Esau".

Rebecca Esau, Director
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