



March 15, 2019

Senate Committee on Housing
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Retraction of SB595 Support

Dear Chair Hass and members of the committee:

We are very concerned about the need for more housing in Tillamook County and are in favor of the premise of SB595 as to come up with a plan to better facilitate a way to increase necessary housing.

On February 14, 2019 we submitted a letter of support for SB595. Upon further review and inquiry of economic impacts, we have concern that SB595 clearly puts the funding for additional workforce housing fully on the tourism sector of our economy, which we also have a stake in. The housing crisis in Tillamook County has not been caused solely by tourism growth, therefore should not be solely responsible for the funding of any solution.

We are interested in supporting a bill that is more equitable in its funding sources.

Sincerely

G.J. Whitey Forsman