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Subject: Public Hearing Comments: SB 595 Needs Clarification of What Median Income Definition to Be Used, and it Should Be Adjusted by HH Size.
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This is Tom Cusack in Lake Oswego I have two comments for the public hearing today on this bill.

1. Is it Median Family Income or Median Household Income?

SB 595's reference to median income requires clarification. The bill says "125 percent of the city or county median income, whichever is greater"

McMinnville's latest median family income in the American Community Survey can be found **HERE:**

https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/17_5YR/B19113/1600000US4145000

It is **\$58,620**, so \$125% would be **\$73,255**.

The testimony from City Councilman Peralta from McMinnville states that the McMinnville median family income is **\$44,000. (125% would be \$55,000).**

(<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/160419>)

I thought Mr. Peralta may have meant median household income. That can be found **HERE:**

https://factfinder.census.gov/bkmk/table/1.0/en/ACS/17_5YR/B19013/1600000US4145000

But that is **ALSO** higher than the \$44,000 stated in his letter --it is **\$50,299**, so \$125% would be **\$62,874**.

2. Adjustments for family size.

I don't see any references to adjusting income limits by household size. There should be and the income definition should add " adjusted for household size".