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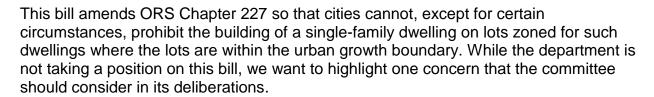
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TO: The Honorable Shemia Fagan, Chair

Senate Committee on Housing

FROM: Palmer Mason, Senior Policy Advisor

RE: Senate Bill 534



As introduced, SB 534 would not allow a city to prohibit the construction of a single-family dwelling in a floodplain or tsunami inundation zone. To avoid putting people and property at risk, it seems appropriate to allow cities to prohibit the construction of single-family dwellings in these areas. Under Goal 7 of the state land use planning program, cities are required to identify these areas and plan for how any risks can be mitigated. But without the authority to limit development, these efforts to reduce the risks can be undermined. The department recommends amending Section 2 of the bill so that cities can prohibit these dwellings based on land use regulations adopted pursuant to Goal 7.