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Subject: Technical comments on HB 2001 from the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association
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Co-Chairs Manning and Gomberg, and Members of the Subcommittee,

You will find enclosed some technical comments on HB 2001 from the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA). OAPA is an independent, statewide, not-for-profit membership organization of over 950 planners from across the state working for cities, counties, special districts, state agencies, community-based organizations, and private firms. OAPA provides leadership in the development of vital communities by advocating excellence in community planning, promoting education and resident empowerment, and by providing the tools and support necessary to meet the challenges of growth and change.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide some additional comments on HB 2001. OAPA has taken a neutral position on the HB 2001, and offers the following as technical comments on the A Engrossed version.

1. Under Section 2 (5), page 2 of the A engrossed version, we recommend what the term "in the area" refers to. We think this could mean a specific zone, or it could mean a geographic area in which middle housing is being built.
2. Section 4 (2) and (6)(b) refer to deficiencies with stormwater infrastructure. There is the potential here for a Statewide Planning Goal 5 issue with respect to stormwater, and whether a water resource could be interpreted to be impacted by middle housing development requiring additional work by a local government. We raise this issue here to clarify in the final bill and in rulemaking to ensure middle housing can be developed without triggering further review under Goal 5 with respect to stormwater.
3. With respect to the siting and design standards for middle housing under Section 2 (5), we recommend considering parking in this category to ensure that such housing is not discouraged or delayed through parking standards that could have that effect.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide this testimony on HB 2001A.

Sincerely,
Damian Syrnyk, Chair
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