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To: Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development

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Testimony: HB2003 – In favor (with reservations)

If you don't know where you are going, how will you know when you get there?"

I favor the creation of integrated, comprehensive housing policies by cities and Metro. Properly designed and implemented, HB2003 could assist these entities with the task. Oregon's Land Use Goal 10 already requires much of what is included in HB2003, so I do question the need for much that is included in this bill.

Please amend HB2003:

Add the following to the data to be collected and used for planning:

- Analysis of number and distribution of owner-occupied and renter-occupied units for detached houses and plexes.
- Projected displacement of renters, and changes in commuting patterns.

Include the following in housing strategies:

- Retention of naturally occurring affordable housing.
- Reduction of displacement, especially of renters.
- Require affordable housing to be permanently affordable from the date of occupancy.

Remove the inclusion of use of public lands for housing purposes. This could become an assault on valued but underutilized parks and greenspaces.

Remove the awarding of attorney's fees for non-prevailing appellants. This is designed solely to intimidate citizens who wish to raise concerns about government actions.