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To: Rep. Brian Clem, Chair
Members of the House Committee on Wildfire Recovery

From: Mary Kyle McCurdy, Deputy Director
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Re: HB 3219 (Manufactured dwelling parks destroyed in 2020 wildfires)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 3219. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that has worked with Oregonians for more than 40 years to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice.

HB 3219 requires local governments to approve the reconstruction of manufactured dwelling parks that were destroyed by the 2020 wildfires or were in an area where these wildfires contributed to a housing shortage. 1000 Friends supports HB 3219, based on an amendment we understand will be submitted clarifying that the authorization to allow manufactured dwelling parks to re-locate to sites where they were not previously located is limited to inside UGBs. (Manufactured dwelling parks would still be allowed to re-build on the sites they were previously located, even if outside a UGB.)

We note that in its written testimony, DLCD has raised important issues related to infrastructure, natural hazards, and FEMA that we hope will be evaluated and resolved.

Thank you for considering our comments.

