



January 27, 2021
Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for SB 141

Dear Chair Burdick and Members of the Committee:

The City of Hillsboro has utilized the Vertical Housing Development Zone (VHDZ) program with success in recent history as an incentive for redevelopment in our Downtown and Orenco Station neighborhoods. The VHDZ program is an important state authorized incentive that aids communities in revitalizing neighborhoods with mixed use development opportunities.

We supported recent legislative changes that provided for local administration over the VHDZ program, and for similar reasons we support this proposal that will improve the overall incentive and make the program more flexible. With SB 141, the VHDZ program will be improved to increase the incentive for developers to maximize their development, which will make it more likely that developers are able to add additional housing units in their projects, including much needed regulated affordable housing units.

Cities need all the help we can get from the state when it comes to local options for incentivizing housing development. SB 141 is one way the state can help.

We urge your support.

Sincerely,

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