

February 19, 2021

Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources
Senator Kathleen Taylor and Representative Jeff Reardon, Co-Chairs
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 5530

Dear Co-Chairs Taylor and Reardon and Members of the Subcommittee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 5530. The City of Hillsboro wishes to express its support for the 2021-2023 Governors Recommend Budget for the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) and specifically Policy Option Package 110.

The City of Hillsboro actively participated in the legislative and rulemaking process for House Bills 2001 and 2003, and believe that to maintain the momentum created by the passage of these historic bills, full funding for DLCD is not only warranted but a necessity. Funding as proposed by the Governor will enable DLCD to maintain the staff that has become trusted partners for local jurisdictions for the implementation of these consequential policies. Full funding will also enable DLCD to provide grants to local jurisdictions to speed the effective implementation of the legislation and corresponding rules.

We want to thank DLCD for their support and partnership and we urge your support for SB 5530.

Sincerely,



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