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Joint Ways and Means Committee
Subcommittee on Natural Resources
900 Court Street NE, Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Department of Land Conservation and Development 2021-23 Budget

Dear Co-Chair Taylor, Co-Chair Reardon, and Members of the Committee:

The City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability supports the Governor’s Recommended Budget for the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD), including the Policy Option Packages.

We appreciate the work that DLCD has undertaken to implement HB 2001 and 2003 (2019). The State’s role in implementation does not end with the adoption of administrative rules. We have found that this work is complex and the implementation over the next 3-5 years will require DLCD staff support to clarify and adjust the administrative rules as cities adopt zoning code changes, housing needs analyses, and housing production strategies. We have benefitted from the local assistance grants to implement middle housing choices in our residential neighborhoods and foresee a need for additional assistance as we undertake a new housing needs analysis and production strategy to better address housing affordability in our city over the next few years.

Furthermore, we support DLCD expanded work in Climate Adaptation and Mitigation under Executive Order 20-04, especially the Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities rulemaking. We encourage the State to do more to promote more equitable development through the statewide planning system.

The recommended budget aligns with our priorities to increase housing opportunities and center environmental justice, equity and climate change and we encourage your support to fund these initiatives.

Sincerely,

Andrea Durbin
Director

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