

I support HB2558, which requires local governments to allow certain residential development within 1/8 mile of a transit corridor. We know that transportation policy and development are inextricably linked to our ability to achieve climate goals. This bill would be a great step in the right direction and would establish Oregon's first precedent for direct state-level action on Transit Oriented Development. The downside to making significant transit investment without allowing the number of market-rate homes to increase, and allowing below-market homes to be built is a recipe for government-led mansionization and gentrification of our cities and suburbs. This bill would make a difference in my life personally by expanding my housing options and opportunities to live, work, and travel. I would recommend that a larger zoning area be affected. This committee should expand the zoning area affected from 1/8 of a mile from transit stops to 1/4 or 1/2 a mile. Opening zoning near transit is critical to support riders and creates more livable, walkable, pedestrian-oriented communities that are linked through transit.

Thank you for your consideration.