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While I appreciate recent amendments, I oppose HB 3414 without further modifications to protect historic and culturally significant resources. The historic and cultural resources protected in Goal 5 should be included in the amendments to these bills. These are finite resources, and their protection is an asset to all Oregon residents. The public deserves the right to hearings at the local level when projects could damage or destroy the character of historic buildings or neighborhoods. Housing in Oregon is desperately needed, but removing the public's say in the quality and design of these projects is a mistake. Housing people is the priority, but incentivizing the re-use of existing buildings and designing new structures that will improve and complement each Oregon town's unique sense of place is a worthwhile and achievable goal. Sidestepping local historic preservation regulations will cause confusion and resentment and could unintentionally cause delays in housing creation.