



June 2, 2023

House Committee on Rules
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Technical Fixes Needed For Implementation

Dear Chair Fahey and Members of the House Committee on Rules:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I want to start by thanking Representative Gamba and Representative Helm for their efforts to ensure this legislation can be implemented by local governments, and Representative Dexter and the Governor's Office for working diligently to get the language right. The dash -14 amendment is a significant improvement on the base bill and the dash -6 amendment.

I will be brief, and simply reinforce the technical feedback provided by the League of Oregon Cities in their testimony submitted on June 1st. LOC collaborated with cities across Oregon, including Hillsboro, to develop the list of outstanding technical issues needed to ensure implementation is successful and advances our shared goals. I will highlight one additional technical clarification that should be considered.

We believe it is important to address historical protections in Section 2 (1)(b)(C). That provision excludes requirements/land use regulations related to "...statewide land use planning goals relating to natural resources, natural hazards, Willamette River Greenway, estuarine resources, coastal shorelands, beaches and dunes or ocean resources." We worry that this eliminates our ability to provide protections for historic buildings and resources and as a result, a good chunk of Goal 5 is rendered somewhat meaningless. We encourage this committee to give some additional consideration to that provision.

Thank you for your work on this legislation. It is in a much better position with the dash -14 amendment, but we believe it still needs to include the technical changes above and included in LOC's written testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Callaway'.

Mayor Steve Callaway