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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

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My wife and I are the lead sponsors on a 23-unit workforce apartment building under construction in Pacific City. It's a wonderful project developed, designed, financed, and now built by local residents. Because Pacific City/Woods land use ordinance has no zones that allow for multi-family structures beyond a four-plex we had to apply for a conditional use. Consequently, we spent a lot of money and 18 months in land use, fighting appeals from a few neighbors opposed to our project all the way to the Oregon State Court of Appeals. Ironically, the property upon which this structure was intended served as a de facto campground for unhoused people while we were working our way through court. Any bill that encourages communities to amend their land use laws to facilitate the development of sensible housing is a positive, albeit late, step forward.