



February 14, 2023

Joint Committee on Ways & Means
Subcommittee on Natural Resources
Oregon State Legislature
900 Court St. NE, Room H-178
Salem, OR 97301

RE: City of Beaverton Supports Funding for Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) Implementation in DLCD Budget (HB 5027)

Dear Co-Chair Dembrow, Co-Chair Pham, and Members of the Committee:

The City of Beaverton appreciates the opportunity to provide input on the Department of Land Conservation and Development's (DLCD's) budget as it relates to implementation of the Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities (CFEC) rules. We fully support the goals of CFEC to reduce climate pollution, foster walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods, and improve transportation and housing options, particularly for historically marginalized communities that have been harmed by past planning decisions.

The success of CFEC depends on its implementation; however, the budget submitted for your consideration does not contain any funding to assist local governments in implementing the rules. It will be difficult, if not impossible, for cities like Beaverton to advance this important work and meet timelines without state funding to change our local regulations. With this in mind, **we respectfully urge the Natural Resources Subcommittee to add \$30 million to the DLCD budget for local government CFEC implementation grants.**

Beaverton is in the process of implementing the CFEC parking rules, yet we lack the staff capacity and resources to implement all state CFEC requirements. The City previously estimated its implementation costs at \$4-8 million, but with full knowledge of the rule details and a city plan for implementation, that estimate has been reduced to a still significant \$4 million. Some costs, like those associated with creating a more robust community engagement program to support related planning and development projects, will require both one-time and sustained grant funding. These requirements come at a time of already stressed budgets for cities, including for Beaverton which faces a projected \$7-9 million budget shortfall for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

The City of Beaverton looks forward to working with the State to create a healthy, equitable future for our residents. These rules are important; let's make sure they are both bold *and* implementable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cheryl Twete". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cheryl Twete, Community Development Director