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Oregon Chapter

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Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural Resources  
Senator Michael Dembrow, Co-Chair  
Representative Khanh Pham, Co-Chair

RE: Testimony from the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) regarding the Land Use Board of Appeal's (LUBA) 2023-25 Budget (HB 5028)

Dear Co-Chairs Dembrow and K. Pham, and Members of the Committee:

The Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association (OAPA) is a nonprofit professional membership organization of over 800 planners and those who work with planning in formulating and implementing development and conservation policies at the state and local level. OAPA works to create sustainable and vibrant Oregon communities through professional development, advocacy for sound planning, providing resources to meet the challenges of growth and change, and embracing and promoting diversity, inclusion and equity.

OAPA's membership regularly reviews the work of LUBA as it prepares, amends, and revises plans and land use regulations. OAPA knows first-hand the critical need for this agency to have the staffing and resources to provide speedy, efficient, and effective review of cases which are the product of cities and counties to assure that this product is constitutional and consistent with those laws and policies enacted by the legislature. It is especially important that those policies relating to climate change, housing, and equity are realized in state and local enactments, which require an agency that will "get it right" the first time. LUBA has a very high rate of affirmance by the appellate courts of this state. We want to continue the work of an agency that has been highly successful in the past and strongly urge your approval of the Governor's Recommended Budget for this agency.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on LUBA's 2023-25 Budget (HB 5028) Sincerely,

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