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DATE: March 09, 2023  
TO: House Committee on Housing and Homelessness  
FROM: Alex Cuyler, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Manager  
RE: HB 3174, relating to housing

Dear Chair Dexter and Members of the Committee:

Lane County supports HB 3174 which provides critical support to local governments for expanding capacity to meet the demand for additional housing production. We applaud the effort to make significant resources available given that currently, most revenue for planning and permitting comes from development activity after a housing developer has made the commitment to build.

Budgeting \$45 million dollars will support local jurisdictions efforts to expand staffing capacity for planning and permitting. HB 3174 will put us in a better position to meet the ambitious housing production targets set out in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.

The survey of local governments' in the bill on: use of staff time to process appeals, reviewing and issuing permits, inspection completion, and revision of land use regulations related to needed housing, will provide state agencies and the legislature for the next biennium with the information necessary to determine what support is needed in the future.

We would like the committee to consider a change to the alignment of the regional housing coordinators in the bill. Rather than being aligned with the Business Oregon regions we would prefer them to be aligned with the regions identified in the Governor's emergency order on homelessness.

Lane County is large geographically with many small cities and a large population in need of housing opportunities and options. Having a regional housing coordinator who focuses specifically on housing production for Lane County communities would leverage more collaboration and resources, rather than sharing one position with three other counties. Additionally, it would provide for better alignment of our homeless rehousing efforts.

We greatly appreciate the leadership your committee has shown in very rapidly advancing bills that will speed up the creation of additional housing for our residents.

ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY ALEX CUYLER, LANE COUNTY  
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