Submitter: Leslie Baird

On Behalf

Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and

Water

Measure: HB2659

Concerns:

The elimination of off-street parking requirements will lead to people who depend on a car to meet their needs parking the cars on the street. Near 61st and SW Pomona in our neighborhood, the multi-family density without on-site parking may make it even less safe to walk or bike in our neighborhood because there is no ADA-compliant pathway to get to the transit stop on SW Barbur.

There is no flexibility in Portland's rules that considers local conditions that make it challenging to get to many transit stops in SW Portland. The lack of sidewalks is very apparent when walking through our neighborhood. Knowing this situation, I behoove you to hold off on this legislation.