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Measure: HB3414

HB 3414 would nullify the detailed efforts in removing barriers to housing within historic, natural, and scenic protected areas, it would continue a well-established trend of displacement and gentrification of culturally diverse areas that deserve continued protection.

HB 3414 will not increase the overall supply of housing, housing affordability, nor increase housing choice – there is no requirement in the bill that the adjustment be tied to the production of additional housing that would otherwise be allowed.

Many design standards and criteria are culturally responsive and protect diverse and underrepresented histories from erasure from market-rate development.

Historic resources are unique assets for local communities and their long-term preservation requires adherence to longstanding protection rules.

Design standards for Main Street and downtown areas are necessary to ensure these special places remain walkable and economically thriving commercial cores of Oregon's communities.

Preservationists throughout the state have worked collaboratively with local governments on sensible regulations and procedures that allow new residential development in historic areas.