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Chair Dexter, Vice Chairs Gamba and Helfrich, and members of the committee,

My name is Trisha Patterson. I'm a public policy graduate student at Oregon State University studying coastal housing issues. I support HB2889, the -1 amendment, and the -8 amendment. I'm also tentatively in support of the -9 amendment. I like the spirit of the -9 amendment. One thing I have found in my studies is that housing is very sensitive to the institutions that oversee it, and that one of the greatest challenges policy makers face is wrestling with institutions. A good institution can be modified commensurate with the stakes of the issue at hand. Meaning, the more serious the issue, the more important it is to be able to adapt the institution to meet the moment. And we face a serious challenge in our statewide housing shortage. I'm impressed and inspired by the commitment this committee has shown to advancing meaningful changes to Goal 10, and that these amendments, especially -9, take bold action that is commensurate with the issue. There is a balance between absolute institutional rigidity and complete flexibility, and I think this amendment package strikes that balance. Thank you for your continued work on this and I look forward to seeing future iterations.