



Portland Housing Bureau

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Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson, and members of the committee,

On behalf of the City of Portland's Housing Bureau, I am writing today to express our strong support for House Bill 4063 A.

This piece of legislation makes many important clarifications around housing planning responsibilities in Metro urban unincorporated lands, and most importantly to the City of Portland, adjusts to approving multiple property Homebuyer Opportunity Limited Tax Exemption (HOLTE) applications as a whole, rather than creating the burden of having to vote on each application individually. This will shave weeks off the process and removing barriers for expedited housing projects approval.

Thanks to the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness' willingness to work with stake holders and support amendments, we are hopeful that these changes related to the HOLTE application approval process will speed up the process of approving certain housing projects. For this reason, and many more, The City of Portland's Housing Bureau urges you to support House Bill 4063 A.

Thank you,

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