

Submitter: Michael Robinson
On Behalf Of: SB 1537
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure: SB1537

Dear Chair Jama and Members of the Committee,

I am the Director of Governmental and Legal Affairs for Pahlisch Homes, Inc. Pahlisch is based in Bend and builds housing in Central Oregon and the Willamette Valley. It has been my privilege to practice land use law in Oregon since 1991.

I am writing to support SB 1537. The bill has a number of benefits but the principal reason to support the bill is its measured Urban Growth Boundary expansion provisions. We need more land within UGBs in order to build more housing for Oregon's residents. This bill allows certain cities the ability to reasonably expand their UGBs in order to accommodate this undisputed need.

I ask that the Committee support SB 1537.