



Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Drazan and Pham, and members of the House Committee on Rules,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 3382. For background, Oregon REALTORS® is an industry association comprised of roughly 18,000 members who work as real estate brokers, real estate principal brokers, real estate property managers, and affiliated industry professionals.

HB 3382 would direct the Secretary of State to establish and maintain an “Oregon Rulemaking Information System” that serves a similar function to the Oregon Legislative Information System. This would be of great benefit to both stakeholders and the public.

As one example of the benefit this would provide, consider the 2023 Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) Groundwater Allocation rulemaking. OWRD convened a Rulemaking Advisory Committee (RAC), but stakeholders from the housing industry did not receive notice of the RAC being formed, even though there were obvious housing implications. Because the RAC took place during the 2023 legislative session, in which housing was a significant focus, housing stakeholders did not become aware of the rulemaking until just weeks before the rules were slated to be heard by the Oregon Water Resources Commission. Even then, we only became aware because of outreach we received from a RAC participant. Had there been an “Oregon Rulemaking Information System” available at the time, we would have been aware of the RAC much earlier and we would have been able to engage throughout the process, instead of just at the end.

As another example of the benefit an “Oregon Rulemaking Information System” would provide, consider the Climate-Friendly & Equitable Communities (CFEC) rules from the Land Conservation and Development Commission. Towards the end of the CFEC rulemaking process, it was discovered that many impacted stakeholders were unaware of the rulemaking. Like the example above, an “Oregon Rulemaking Information System” would have helped keep these stakeholders in the loop.

Additionally, due to the length and complexity of the CFEC rules, the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) has been hosting meetings to help cities comply with CFEC’s requirements. Having an “Oregon Rulemaking Information System” would provide a centralized repository for frequently asked questions, potentially reducing the time that both city planners and DLCD staff would need to spend in meetings to ask and answer CFEC-related questions.



The Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS) is a very user-friendly website, especially when compared to similar websites provided by other state legislatures. OLIS has worked well for stakeholder and public engagement with state legislation, and it makes sense that an “Oregon Rulemaking Information System” would do the same.

Oregon REALTORS® urges you to vote YES on HB 3382. Thank you for your time and consideration of our comments.