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Chair Thuy Tran  
House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government and Veterans  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Tran and members of the Committee,

My name is Sara Odendahl, and I serve as the Director of Government Affairs at the Bend Chamber of Commerce. I am offering comments today on behalf of our organization and Economic Development for Central Oregon (EDCO). We appreciate the opportunity to share our concerns about HB 3062 and the impacts on our communities in Central Oregon.

The Bend Chamber serves 1,750 members and 8,500 business in our local community. EDCO is a private, non-profit organization serving the tri-county region of Crook, Deschutes, and Jefferson Counties whose mission is to promote sustained job growth and prosperous communities through traded-sector industry growth.

While we understand and share the goals of protecting public health, we have concerns about the unintended consequences of HB 3062. Specifically:

- Recruiting industrial employers to our communities is a challenge in Oregon. We have limited tools in our toolbox to create meaningful incentives for businesses to relocate or grow in our state. HB 3062 will impose another barrier for recruitment.
- The land use process is not the venue for protecting public health. Oregon is currently trying to tackle the challenge of industrial development and environmental remediation, which is why many of our communities are supporting HB's 2411, 2075 and SB 99.
- Given our existing comprehensive land-use process and strong environmental protection, we can continue to protect the health and safety of Oregonians while building a sustainable jobs and tax base without adding costly and duplicative processes that slow down our ability to create new opportunities and revenue for Oregon communities.

We urge the committee to table the bill and work with stakeholders, including local governments and the private sector, to discuss and vet policy changes that may further the underlying goals of protecting public health. Thank you for your consideration, and we respectfully request a no vote on HB 3062.

Sincerely,

Sara Odendahl  
On behalf of Bend Chamber and EDCO