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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

As the Chair of Weston Historic Landmarks Commission, and an ardent supporter of historic preservation, I beg you to delete this review of properties before a demolition permit is issued.

I am definitely in favor of affordable housing, but this bill literally takes a wrecking ball to history.

The review of a property generally takes only a couple of weeks, and is vital to the historical integrity of an area. Imagine if this measure was in effect for Gatke Hall on the Northeast corner of Willamette University, across State Street from the State Capitol. The demolition of the Gatke would, without review, destroy the old Oregon State Supreme Court building, which became Gatke Hall in the 1930s, with absolutely NO required input.

Please remove this ill-informed portion of the bill.