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Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

Please remove Section 22(1)(f) from this bill.

The intent of HB 2138 is to create more middle housing in Oregon, which I generally support. As written, middle or affordable housing is not required as a condition for removing a demolition review process.

Tearing down built structures is not a climate - friendly solution. Historic buildings are valuable as housing - it's less wasteful to rehabilitate old buildings, often containing high quality old-growth timber, rather than demolishing and rebuilding from scratch. New construction is often only built to last 50 years, whereas historic building methods and materials were intended to last for centuries. Let's not waste more trees.