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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2138

As a representative of Aurora, Oregon's business association, I strongly urge you to remove Section 22(1)(f) from HB2138-1. 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 demolition review. Aurora is Oregon's first designated historic district, and its community members and business leaders have spent decades protecting the historic charms that makes Aurora a destination for Oregon tourism. As a resident and business owner of one of Oregon's most iconic historic districts, there are certain protections that must be in place for these districts to keep their historical integrity in tact. Removing the demolition review process removes the community's voice in preserving both contributing and non-contributing structures listed within historic districts.