

I am a resident of Eastmoreland in Portland.

I do not oppose the whole of HB 2138-1.

I oppose Section 22(1)(f).

Section 22(1)(f) removes demolition review for contributing homes in historic districts.

Demolition review for contributing homes in historic districts is the sole meaningful protection for historic districts. Section 22(1)(f) negates that sole protection.

The **majority** of Eastmoreland residents agreed with the proposal that Eastmoreland be designated a national historic district. That agreement was essential to Eastmoreland being named a national historic district in December 2022.

Doubtless it was an opponent of historic districts who caused Section 22(1)(f) to be inserted in HB 2138-1.

Section 22(1)(f) does nothing of significance to enable more affordable housing.

Section 22(1)(f) is simply a mechanism for the **minority** who oppose historic districts to achieve the goal of eliminating historic districts. This they could not achieve through the fair and open process that led to Eastmoreland being named a national historic district.

Accomplishing historic district designation for Eastmoreland was a six-year long struggle by neighbors who sought that designation.

Negating that through insertion of Section 22 (1)(f) in HB 2138-1 gives a victory to the **minority** who opposed the historic district. That is simply wrong.