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Please remove section 22(1)(f) from HB2138. This misguided section does almost nothing to provide more middle housing as houses on the National Historic Register make up a minuscule fraction of residential land in the State of Oregon. Allowing demolition of already built housing is also wasteful from an environmental perspective. The greenest home is one already built. Tearing down historic structures to build non-historic structures is a waste of existing housing inventory.

Just like you would not designate Silver Falls State Park for middle housing production, National Historic Inventory resources should also not be designated for middle housing production. Houses on the National Historic Register are considered of national interest. They are a key contributor to both the character and culture of local communities. To remove the demolition review process is both shortsighted and misguided. Once demolished, a historic building can never be replaced. Section 22(1)(f) needs to be removed from HB2138.