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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB974

In oppose eleminating the Design Review Process for housing in SB974 Amendment -1 Section 12 (5) on page 10 & 13 (5) on page 11.

I served on the Portland Design Commission for 8 years beginning in 2015. It was a busy time in Portland, some refer to that time as an extension of the Portland Renaissance that started in the 1980's. Design review was an integral part of Portlands development process at that time & ensured that design standards were met with projects in the limited area that was the design zone. It covered a small geographic area in the most urban areas of the City.

The DR process was designed to progress with the permitting process & not cause any delays to the final permit issue.

The Design Guidelines are well thought out & promotes healthy, well designed Housing projects.

I request that the committee reconsider eliminating the DR process for housing & keep a process intact that has worked well for Portland during it's recent growth period .