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RE: SB 974-1

On behalf of the Western Oregon Builders Association (WOBA), a non-profit trade organization representing the interests of builders, developers and affiliated trades in Lane, Linn and Benton counties, *we support amendment and passage of the above referenced Senate Bill.* Simplifying and expediting the process with a time certain for approvals is a step in the right direction to correct the housing crisis we face in most parts of Oregon today.

Regulations, fees, jurisdictional planning and permitting processes, have created an environment over time that has led to stagnant housing production to the extent that the term “affordable” is an oxymoron when discussing development and construction. Likewise, it has also driven up the cost of existing housing as the two compete against each other in the marketplace.

If as a State we are to return to pre-financial crisis production levels and an affordable marketplace, we must return to common sense practices and processes.

Regards,

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