



March 19, 2025

House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon State Capitol 900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Opposition for HB 2258-1

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, and members of the committee:

On behalf of the City of Lake Oswego and the City Council, I am writing in opposition of **HB 2258-1**.

First and foremost, **the City of Lake Oswego urges the Legislature to prioritize the effective implementation of existing housing legislation (HB 2001, HB 2003, SB 1537, and Climate-Friendly and Equitable Communities) before enacting further mandates.** The City of Lake Oswego, along with cities across the state, is focused on the implementation of previously passed housing legislation. We ask the Legislature to allow cities to fully implement these regulations and live the impact before adding more. Housing production is a top concern for all communities throughout Oregon, including Lake Oswego. However, HB 2258 is not the bill that will achieve that.

As written, HB2258-1 deeply undermines the carefully developed policies within our Comprehensive Plan, Housing Needs Analysis, and Housing Production Strategy, effectively nullifying years of local planning. All these overarching master plans guide how we create livable communities, housing variety, and economic opportunities, all with a local context in mind. This bill creates a one-size-fits-all model for housing that does not work.

We request a flexible, locally driven approach that fosters collaboration between developers and cities, allowing for the creation of tailored programs that respect local zoning and building standards.

We urge the committee to stop introducing more housing bills that create preemptions and remove local decision-making – vote NO on HB 2258-1.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment.

Sincerely,

Mayor Joe Buck