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On Behalf Of: Tillamook Bay Commons  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On  
Capital Construction  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5531

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Clayton Taylor, and I am here on behalf of Maker Development Studios, West of West Architecture and Design, and our workforce housing project in Tillamook—Tillamook Bay Commons.

We are seeking your support for capital construction funding through this bill, which will enable us to move forward with this essential workforce housing (WFH) project. Tillamook Bay Commons will provide much-needed housing for healthcare workers, educators, and other essential employees serving Tillamook County.

This will be the first workforce housing project in Oregon led by a community-run, non-profit organization—a mission-driven model that can be replicated across the state. Through this structure, the organization will continue to address workforce housing challenges well into the future.

The impact of workforce housing on rural communities like Tillamook is profound. When essential workers can live near their jobs, employers experience greater staff retention, schools and hospitals become more stable, and local businesses benefit from increased economic activity. In Tillamook, a lack of available housing has directly impacted the ability of critical employers to recruit and retain talent. This project helps reverse that trend by offering high-quality, attainable housing close to where people work.

With commitments from key local employers—including Adventist Hospital, the Tillamook School District, and the Tillamook Creamery—the project is pre-leased and ready to meet this urgent need. By reducing commute times and housing instability for these workers, Tillamook Bay Commons supports not just individuals, but the overall resilience and health of the community.

We have worked closely with the Tillamook County Housing Committee, County Commissioners, and Senator Webber's office to advance this effort. We are requesting \$6.3 million in capital funding to complete the project's financing and begin construction this fall, with project delivery slated for Q4 2026.

This is more than just a single project—it is an innovative, scalable investment in Oregon's housing future, and a key step toward ensuring every community has the

workforce it needs to thrive.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this vital initiative.

Sincerely,  
Clayton Taylor