



February 3, 2026

To: Chair Marsh and Committee Members
House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

From: Mary Kyle McCurdy, Associate Director

Re: HB 4108: Annexation Reform

Dear Chair Marsh and Committee Members:

1000 Friends of Oregon supports HB 4108. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities, protect family farms, forests and natural areas, and provide transportation and housing choices.

Oregon's land use planning Goal 14, Urbanization, assumes that cities will, over time, annex lands inside the urban growth boundary so the land can be served with urban-scale infrastructure and developed as the city and its residents have planned, for housing, employment, schools, stores, and more. However, Oregon's annexation laws - which developed before and separately from the land use program - mean this process does not always happen smoothly.

HB 4108 addresses part of this challenge by allowing cities to annex non-contiguous, residentially-zoned land that is inside the urban growth boundary (UGB), at the property owner's request, when that land is already served by city infrastructure. This removes an annexation barrier that limits housing production and development opportunities on land that already functions as part of the city.

We urge you to support HB 4108. Thank you for consideration of our comments.