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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness  
Oregon State Legislature  
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**Subject: Medford City Council Member's Support for HB 4035  
Smart Technical Fixes to UGB Expansion Program**

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in **support** of HB 4035. As a Medford City Council member and a land use attorney, I regularly work on housing supply and urban growth boundary issues. This bill makes practical technical fixes to the temporary UGB expansion program and helps it work as intended.

HB 4035 improves how acreage is counted and used. Allowing acreage beyond net residential acres for public facilities—including transportation (like roads) and related infrastructure—better reflecting what it actually takes to build new neighborhoods.

**The bill also sets a more realistic test for when land inside a UGB is truly “available.”** Requiring that a qualifying ‘tract’ have no permanent structures, no nearby utilities, and no land use approvals prevents cities from being blocked by land that cannot realistically deliver housing.

**I suggest one additional improvement:** add a deadline for counties to decide whether a proposed expansion complies with the statute. Because these expansions are not land use decisions, normal timelines do not apply. Without a deadline, a county could stop an expansion simply by not acting. A clear review timeline would keep the process fair and predictable.

**HB 4035 is a solid cleanup bill** that supports housing production while keeping appropriate safeguards in place. I urge your support.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

Garrett West  
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