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For the record, my name is Mike Riddle and I'm the President of the Oregon Home Builders Association. I am submitting written testimony in support of HB4035. For many years, Oregon's UGB rules have made it difficult for cities to expand-despite being in a housing shortage environment. In 2024, SB1537 had the intention of speeding up expansion, however it only affected 30% of new homes that were deed-restricted as affordable housing. The current rules are too rigid and many cities in Oregon cannot qualify.

HB4035 fixes this problem. It keeps the affordability commitment while making the program workable so more communities can move forward with housing solutions.

I urge you to support the passing of HB 4035.

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