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Testimony in Support of HB 4082

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee:

As the Mayor of Woodburn, I am proud to express my support for HB 4082 and thank the committee members for the work involved in bringing this forward.

Woodburn is facing a significant and ongoing housing shortage, particularly for a diverse range of housing types that meet the needs of residents at different income levels and life stages. Despite recent growth and strong efforts to expand housing within the existing urban growth boundary (UGB), the scale of demand continues to exceed what can reasonably be accommodated through infill and redevelopment alone.

The City Council's vision is for a community where residents can live, work, and thrive. Achieving that vision requires ensuring that families, workers, and older adults with moderate incomes have access to stable, affordable housing options within the city.

House Bill 4082 offers an additional, carefully structured tool to help address this gap. The bill would allow limited, one-time additions to urban growth boundaries specifically for manufactured dwelling parks and affordable housing for older people with moderate incomes. It includes clear standards, long-term affordability requirements, and maintains local oversight—helping ensure that any expansion is thoughtful, targeted, and aligned with community goals.

While Woodburn remains committed to maximizing housing opportunities within its current UGB through infill development, partnerships, and process efficiencies, those strategies alone cannot meet the full scope of Oregon's housing need. House Bill 4082 would provide communities like Woodburn with a pragmatic and responsible option to expand housing choice and affordability in a way that supports long-term community stability and economic vitality.

If you are looking for a statewide that still allows for community specific solutions and partnerships, it is here in this bill, and we urge your support of House Bill 4082. Let's all get to work building actual housing for those that need it most.

Thank you for your consideration.


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