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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1561

YES on SB 1561

This bill helps streamline the rebuilding process for homes destroyed or made uninhabitable by disasters like wildfires, floods etc especially in farm and forest lands. SB 1561 is a simple yet important bill that should be passed. Those who have experienced one of the more traumatic experiences a person can go through in life should be provided with the basic decency to rebuild their home. These are the kind of bills that we elected you to be a part of- this actually helps and not harms Oregonians.

SB 1561 requires local governments to approve restoration or replacement of dwellings rendered uninhabitable under an alternative process that is not a land use decision. It allows for faster recovery for disaster victims, protects rural housing stock, allows alternative administrative process to speed up approvals and limits rebuild to no more than 25% larger than original.

Lots of folks from the Vida fire a few years back are still working through red tape to rebuild, and this is sad and just plain WRONG.

Thank you,
Denice Searcy