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On Behalf Of: self
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB4037

To the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness:

My apologies for the informality of this comment – I only learned of this hearing less than two hours ago. As a result, I have not been able to discuss this with my City Council, so these comments represent my view only.

I write to join the Cities of Tigard and Sherwood, and the Oregon Chapter of the American Planning Association, in asking that you not advance HB 4037 unless you remove section 17.

I read through all 19 comments in your public record as of 2pm today. Most did not address sections 16 and 17 – they were, understandably, focused on issues of particular concern to the commenter's respective advocacy mission.

It thus falls to cities to stand up for Goal 1 and the commitment to public involvement that is trampled by section 17. Thank you to the Mayors of Tigard and Sherwood for your thoughtful, well-written comments. I support those comments and urge you not to pass this bill out of committee without removal of section 17.

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