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A case by case review of historic properties ensures the most historically important are not trampled under foot; or in the case of this bill, summarily demolished. Oregon's unique history and natural beauty are two things that draw many millions of tourists to our state each year. This includes our beautiful state parks, natural areas and historic sites which are administered under Oregon Heritage, a state-run program of the Oregon Parks Department. Tourists are also drawn to our more than 130 Historic Districts, many which exist in what are now urban or suburban settings and are favorite destinations of the wine tourists who add many dollars to our local economies. The Governor's urgent plan to alleviate homelessness MUST be balanced by all that has come before this moment as well as its future outcomes. There is much more to this housing issue than meets the eye; please DO NOT REMOVE THE REVIEW PROCESS OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES, HOMES OR BUILDINGS from this bill - it is one of the things that makes Oregon ...Oregon.

Thank you.