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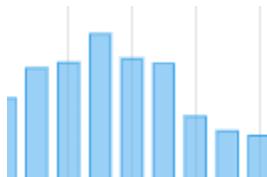
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Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, Committee Members,

We, Bend YIMBY, an all-volunteer pro-housing group in Bend, Oregon, are writing to express our support for HB 3746.

Oregonians need more homeownership opportunities, and making condos viable is a part of that.

We have seen rents in Bend start to fall a bit as supply catches up with demand, with lots of new apartments coming on line:



This is great news for people who have been facing increase after increase in recent years - but people also want the opportunity to purchase a home in the community they live in, and we need to expand the range of choices available to them.

We think of the housing crisis as primarily affecting younger people, but a variety of housing helps everyone. Condos are a great type of housing for aging people who do not want to have to deal with yard maintenance or shoveling snow any more.

Oregon, via our UGB process, pushes for denser housing. We should ensure that we're not pushing it away with other rules, and this bill moves us in the right direction.

Thank you -

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