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Both versions of the bill make exceptions for “statewide land use planning goals related to natural resources, natural hazards, Willamette River Greenway, estuarine resources, coastal shorelands, beaches, and dunes or ocean resources.” That same exception for the protection of historic and cultural resources, which are also protected by statewide land use planning goals should be included in this bill. If not, then it goes against state law that ironically is currently being celebrated as it reaches the 50-year mark. Don't wipe out 50 years of decent planning with this bill. Sensible amendments can be made to increase production of housing and protect our historic and cultural resources, such as creating incentives to rehabilitate historic properties that are vacant or were used for offices into housing.