

I am writing to share our organization's strong support for HB 2283.

Oregon rural communities of all sizes lack entry-level homeownership opportunities. Homeownership is one of the key indicators of household wealth. Silverton is a great example. The Housing Needs Analysis conducted in 2020 shows 80 percent of Silverton's housing stock is single-family. Silverton will need to plan for 1,158 new dwelling units between 2020-2040. There are 0 vacant acres zoned as multifamily. Zone changes have been very challenging, and there are restrictions in place that need to be updated to allow middle housing.

Implementing this administrative, fee-simple land division process for middle housing like duplexes, triplexes, and cottage clusters will increase the supply of entry-level homes for purchase in 49 Oregon communities.

Once again, we strongly encourage you to support HB 2283. Thank you for your service.

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