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Rep. Pam Marsh, Chair, and Members  
House Committee on Housing and Homelessness  
State Capitol  
Salem, OR

Re: HB 3145 - Innovative Housing Types

Dear Chair Marsh and Committee Members:

1000 Friends of Oregon **supports** HB 3145, as modified by the -1 amendment. 1000 Friends of Oregon is a nonprofit, membership organization that works with Oregonians to support livable urban and rural communities; protect family farms, forests and natural areas; and provide transportation and housing choice. 1000 Friends of Oregon has long been involved in advocating for the full implementation of Goal 10, the statewide land use planning goal that sets the Housing objectives for our towns and cities to reach in their land use planning.<sup>1</sup>

HB 3145 invests in some of the many innovative housing-constructions methods and materials that already exist – such as modular, mass timber, and factory-produced housing. These methods have been used successfully in other places to produce housing less expensively and get it on the ground quickly. This is possible through building housing of different sizes, generally off-site, and assembling them on-site at costs greatly less than conventional homebuilding methods, and yet the housing blends in with existing conventional homes.

House Bill 3145 relies on \$50 million in Local Innovation and Fast Track (LIFT) to fund five pilot-project sites for these innovative housing developments for those making under 80% of area median income, geographically dispersed around the state with a focus on coastal and Eastern Oregon communities. HB 3145 is structured as a pilot program, with an emphasis on,

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<sup>1</sup> The primary goal statement of Goal 10 is:

"To provide for the housing needs of citizens of the state. Buildable lands for residential use shall be inventoried and plans shall encourage the availability of adequate numbers of needed housing units at price ranges and rent levels which are commensurate with the financial capabilities of Oregon households and allow for flexibility of housing location, type and density."

*We have worked with Oregonians to enhance our quality of life by building livable urban and rural communities, protecting family farms and forests, and conserving natural areas since 1974.*

and funding for, education, technical assistance, training, and broad sharing of the pilot projects, so the lessons learned can be refined and spread statewide. The bill's encouragement for use of Oregon-based builders furthers this shared learning objective.

Attached is a one-pager on HB 3145 showing endorsements from multiple land use organizations. It also provides specific examples of housing being built now, in Oregon, by some of those who are pioneers in this field.

We urge you to support HB 3145-1. This pilot project is a long-term investment in Oregon housing, communities, and the innovative building industry. Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Kyle McCurdy".

Associate Director