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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Rules

Measure: HB3414

I am writing in OPPOSITION to HB3414 WITHOUT FURTHER AMENDMENTS. There are exceptions in both versions of the bill for "statewide land use planning goals relating to the natural environment including: natural resources, the Willamette River Greenway, coastal shorelands, estuarine resources, coastal shorelands, beaches, and dunes or ocean resources. Yet although statewide land use planning goals also are designed to protect aspects of the built environment, the bill and amendments provide no such similar considerations for historic and cultural resources. Historic resources are also irreplaceable treasures, part of the fabric of our shared culture. Preserving the historic architecture, archeology and heritage of a community is a critical piece of learning from our past -- continuing the positive aspects and acknowledging and learning from the mistakes we have made. The two new amendments (-13 and -14) fail to acknowledge the nuances of local regulatory structures and do not distinguish new ground up construction from enlargements or alterations to existing structures. This is another one-size-fits-all, by right adjustment scheme and is likely to lead to confusion, resentment, and litigation instead of allowing communities to respond creatively to our existing housing crisis. And please do not forget that the preservation of historic & culturally significant resources is often critical to the economy of our cities' downtown districts. Thank you.