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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to request support of this bill. Currently I am experiencing an unnecessary delay in my permit review with Deschutes County. My plans are for a single family dwelling unit. The design has a second utility room (second laundry room), which is necessary due to the nature of my husband's work that causes him to be exposed to hazardous chemicals of which we cannot mix our household laundry due health reasons. I submitted for plan review in January and the planning division is stating that we need to remove the second washer/dryer unit from our plans as they want to ensure the space is not turned into an ADU. There is not a separate kitchen/cooking area in the design, just a second laundry room for the reason noted above. Upon asking them for the code that would indicate that we cannot have two separate laundry rooms, they emailed me back saying that the code is getting updated on March 28th that will provide clarity, however the current code only states that a SFU cannot have more than one kitchen...it says nothing about separate laundry spaces. I have sent several emails seeking clarification of which they take several days to reply to me further delaying the review time and still are not providing any code that states we cannot have two laundry rooms. Twice they have mentioned code revisions coming up on March 28th, however it seems that the code that was in place at the time of my application is what should be utilized.