



Support for HB 4108

Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce
House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

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Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness;

I'm writing on behalf of the **Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce**, representing thousands of employers across Lane County and the greater Eugene area. We strongly support **HB 4108** and appreciate this committee's work in addressing our housing and homelessness crisis in Oregon.

Oregon is facing a severe housing shortage, and addressing it will require policies that both increase housing supply and make efficient use of existing public investments. HB 4108 represents a thoughtful, targeted reform that accomplishes both.

Under current Oregon law, annexation is limited to contiguous properties. This restriction prevents many residential parcels – even those located within a city's acknowledged urban growth boundary and already served by municipal infrastructure – from being annexed and developed for housing. As a result, otherwise viable housing opportunities are delayed or entirely foreclosed.

HB 4108 creates a voluntary, property-owner-initiated annexation pathway for qualifying non-contiguous residential parcels. The bill applies only within urban growth boundaries, only to residential or mixed-use residential properties, and only where city utilities are already in place. Cities retain full discretion to approve or deny annexations, and no property owner is compelled to participate.

This reform unlocks real housing potential. Many of the affected parcels are larger than typical city lots and, once annexed, could support subdivision, middle housing, or additional residential units. The bill creates new opportunities for homeowners, builders, and investors while advancing local housing production goals – without expanding urban growth boundaries or requiring new infrastructure spending.

HB 4108 also supports local innovation and flexibility. Cities may choose to pair annexation with incentives such as tax credits, abatements, fee relief, or other housing programs as part of broader housing strategies already underway.

This bill enjoys bipartisan support and backing from business groups, conservation organizations, housing advocates, and local governments, including the City of Eugene, which



collaborated in its development. It respects property rights, preserves local control, and removes an unnecessary statutory barrier to housing production.

For these reasons, I urge the committee to support HB 4108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Brittany Quick-Warner".

Brittany Quick-Warner
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