



March 26, 2025

Rep. Pam Marsh, Chair
Rep. Tom Andersen and Rep. Vikki Breeze-Iverson
House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon Legislature

RE: HB 2138-2 Comments

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Andersen and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members,

Restore Oregon greatly appreciates the changes in the -2 to remove the rulemaking proposed to eliminate demolition review in historic districts (prior Section 22(1)(f)). Thank you to Governor Kotek and to this Committee for listening to the overwhelming input received and taking this important action. We continue to support the overall intent of this bill in bringing more opportunities for middle housing in Oregon and we withdraw our opposition to HB 2138.

Thank you for your work to protect Oregon's heritage and our existing built environment.

As Oregon's only statewide non-profit historic preservation organization, Restore Oregon works with thousands of people across the state each year to reimagine and transform their communities through the preservation and reuse of historic and cultural places. Our mission is to provide a vibrant and equitable Oregon where historic preservation and reuse are crucial to solving problems like our current housing crisis in the most climate-friendly manner. By helping our fellow citizens preserve our state's unique built, natural and cultural environments, we help celebrate and promote much of what makes Oregon unique and so special.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 2138-2.

Sincerely,

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