



Date: February 22, 2021
To: Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources
Re: Support for SB 5530
From: Mallorie Roberts, Legislative Affairs Manager

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC), representing Oregon's 36 county governments, I offer the following comments in support of Senate Bill 5530, which appropriates funds for the 2021-23 Governor's Recommended Budget to support the Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD).

Counties work closely and consistently with DLCD staff to implement the statewide land use system and uphold Oregon's 19 land use goals. Upholding the system requires local governments to update and amend their comprehensive plans to meet local needs while ensuring that plans and programs remain consistent with each other, the goals, updated statutes, and acknowledged local plans. Many counties simply do not have the resources or staffing capacity to meet the evolving planning requirements and therefore rely on the technical assistance and grants provided through DLCD for plan updates.

AOC strongly supports POP 112, which will support the metropolitan communities that will be tasked with implementation of the current Climate Friendly and Equitable Communities rulemaking under Executive Order 20-04, and POP 110, which continues critical local assistance for housing planning required under HB 2001 and 2003 (2019). Local governments can not bear the costs of implementing these new programs and requirements without the support of the DLCD and the funding requested in these POPs.

The Association of Oregon Counties encourages your continued support of the Department of Land Conservation and Development. Thank you.