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I support HB 4035. The difficulty for young families to own a home is overwhelming. The housing shortage, astronomical permitting fees, government regulations and high prices deny people the right to own a home. We purchased our first home in 1991 at age 24. There were plenty of houses to choose from that were affordable. The interest rate at the time....over 10%! Good thing we were young because we didn't know any better. BUT we could still afford it. It allowed us to gain equity and move on to our second home. The State of Oregon creates massive barriers for builders and homeowners and then are surprised that our cities aren't growing. Let's take a common sense approach to helping the next generation have the same opportunities that we were afforded.

Thank you.