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While I support the majority of this housing bill, I urge reconsideration, and the removal of Section 22.1.F "Repealing requirements for demolition review for houses listed in the National Register of Historic Places".

Oregon's history deserves to be preserved, and at least given the ability to be reviewed before it gets demolished for new builds. I fear this section will just open up the doors for developers to abuse and destroy the state's history without oversight.

I also feel like the removal of this section will not have that much of an impact on housing goals. Out of all the dwelling units being built in the state of Oregon, I imagine only a small fraction of a percent are being built in place of demolished national historic registry houses. It is not a fair trade to give developers this level of power in exchange for a minuscule amount of additional housing. Municipalities should continue to have the ability to protect historic houses and properties within their jurisdiction.