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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

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To the Committee Members,

Thank you for taking testimony on this important issue. I am a public policy master's student at Oregon State University. My research focuses on planning, and actionable strategies to meet housing needs while also considering hazards. These include climate hazards, such as more frequent and extreme flooding, and geologic hazards, such as the coastal subduction zone earthquake threat. My research included in-depth interviews with planners, developers, nonprofits, and hazard mitigation experts at the statewide level, and at the county level. In these interviews, the issue of housing affordability as a vulnerability to the community, climate adaptation, and sense of community resilience derived from the built environment, came up. I strongly encourage you to consider the importance of those factors-- community making and the built environment, community resilience, and climate change adaptation-- when making your decision on the CFEC policy. Land use plays a vital role in community wellbeing and resilience, and this policy shows promising steps in the right direction to harnessing Oregon's excellent land use planning system to carve out areas in cities that are open to denser, more climate friendly, and more equitable development types.

Thank you for your consideration.

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