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Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee,

Good afternoon Chair Fahey, Vice Chairs Campos and Morgan, and members of the committee. My name is Hunter Baldridge and I live in NE Portland. HB 2558 is needed to end the housing crisis, forward "green" modes of transportation, and a major step in reframing Portland's access to available housing. Personally, I take public transportation around my hometown of Portland. While doing so, I see numerous spaces for development and growth that could complement and utilize the available public transportation. For example, near the Hollywood, Lloyd District, and Clackamas MAX stops, there are viable locations for affordable and plentiful housing. The added benefit of HB 2558 is that it cuts down on parking and emphasizes local access to public transit. Already the City of Portland spends money to keep the MAX lines running and this bill would not only increase usage but increase access for the greater Portland area. If the city and state wants to take action on climate change HB 2558 will insure decreased car pollutants all while increasing public transportation and housing those who need it most. Therefore, I support HB 2558 for all it can do for Portland and our future.

Thank you for your time,  
Hunter Baldridge