



Senate Committee on Housing & Development
Testimony in Support of SB 967

Chair Pham, Vice-Chair Anderson, and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today in support of SB 967. By way of background, the Oregon Home Builders Association represents over 3,000 members engaged in the residential construction industry and advocates for homeownership opportunities for all. With this in mind, we are pleased to write today in support of SB 967.

While SB 967 is a simple concept, it is important legislation. When a city expands its Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), infrastructure improvements on land owned by a single landowner are typically managed during phased development and annexation into the city. However, in areas with multiple property owners, shared infrastructure requirements like major roads and large water or wastewater systems can be more difficult.

Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) are an effective way to share infrastructure costs among multiple owners with local government support. State law currently allows LIDs within city limits and, under certain circumstances, outside UGBs. However, it does not clearly authorize collaboration between cities and counties to establish LIDs in unincorporated UGB areas.

SB 967 amends existing law to make clear that local governments are allowed to establish LIDs for unincorporated areas within a city's urban growth boundary. While a simple change, SB 967 could significantly help move the needle on infrastructure development and provide local governments with an important tool to increase housing production.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments today. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

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