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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

I oppose HB 3414

First, it offers no protections for the state's historic resources. A big deal was made in Portland about protecting some of the sites related to African-American history (Dean's Beauty Salon, the Billy Webb Elks Lodge) but this bill would allow those sites to be demolished without any way for the public to appeal. If HB 3134 moves forward, it must leave in place local protections (typically demolition review and design standards) for the districts and buildings that embody Oregon's heritage. Historic review is not the problem.

Second-- there is a problem in tedious and expensive city permitting and fees. But those problems are local-- Salem has no business interfering in local matters- if you believe in democracy, you should believe in letting local issues be solved by local people.

Do not throw away Oregon's land use laws or give developers carte blanche to bulldoze Oregon's heritage.