



June 2, 2023

House Committee on Rules
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 3414-14: Housing adjustment requirements—oppose unless revised

Dear Chair Fahey, Co-chairs Breese-Iverson and Kropf and members of the Committee;

The City of Beaverton remains opposed to HB 3414 as introduced and is opposed to the -14 amendments unless additional revisions are made to ensure the intended housing policies can be implemented efficiently and effectively alongside other state-required policies, such as CFEC, OHNA and middle housing (2019.)

Beaverton supports the goals and urgency of increasing production of needed housing. We sincerely appreciate the leadership and effort that Representative Gamba invested in the adjustment framework in this bill—in close collaboration with city professional land use staff—to make the bill implementable at the local level.

Additionally, we are thankful for the refinements reflected in the -14 amendment resulting from the efforts of Representatives Dexter and Helm, and Speaker Rayfield, along with their staff.

At the same time, important technical revisions are still needed in the adjustment sections to ensure the law is clear and implementable at the local level:

- Clearer language around cities being able to apply transit and pedestrian related development requirements to create walkable neighborhoods that reduce reliance on single occupancy vehicles and achieve state climate obligations.
- Clearer language around cities being able to meet middle housing and needed housing statutes.
- Clearly exempt State building codes from adjustment to ensure that all applicable life/safety protections are maintained.

The City of Beaverton looks forward to working with the amendment sponsors to ensure HB 3414 is workable and delivers more needed housing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AS".

Anna Slatinsky
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