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Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
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RE: HB 3013 Concerns

Co-Chairs Helm and Owens and members of the committee:

HB 3013 would amend statewide policy seemingly in response to a single issue of contention regarding the Aurora Airport. The City of Bend is not familiar with this case nor have we had enough time to fully consider the potential impacts of this legislation. We write with no position at present but with concerns and a strong request for additional time to better understand the bill's implications.

One area of particular concern is the potential for impacts on housing. We can't say with confidence that this bill wouldn't have a negative impact or unintended consequences on efforts to provide needed housing and address our community's ongoing and acute housing crisis. Some parties believe it will. These concerns deserve to be further explored.

It's our stance that this Legislature should be focused on removing impediments to housing and avoid legislation that may complicate or run contrary to those efforts. Oregon is in the midst of a housing crisis that has shown no signs of abating. Recent studies call for 30,000 housing units statewide to catch up with historic underproduction. And we're producing barely half of that. Cities like Bend, no matter how much effort we put into addressing this crisis locally, need every bit of help we can get from the Oregon Legislature to hit our targets, serve our communities, and comply with state regulatory requirements, including OHNA.

Please press pause on this legislation until its implications, particularly on housing, can be better understood.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "MK".

Melanie Kebler
Mayor, City of Bend