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Measure: HB3414

HB 3414 would nullify the detailed efforts in removing barriers to housing within historic, natural, and scenic protected areas, it would continue a trend of displacement and gentrification of culturally diverse areas that deserve continued protection.

Many design standards and criteria are culturally responsive and protect diverse and underrepresented histories from erasure from market-rate development.

Historic resources are unique assets for local communities and their long-term preservation requires adherence to longstanding protection rules.

Design standards for Main Street and downtown areas are necessary to ensure these special places remain walkable and economically thriving commercial cores of Oregon's communities.

Preservationists throughout the state have worked collaboratively with local governments on sensible regulations and procedures that allow new residential development in historic areas.