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Please remove Section 22(1)(f) from this bill. The intent of HB 2138 is to create more middle housing in Oregon, which I generally support. As written, middle or affordable housing is not required as a condition for removing a demolition review process. The demolition process review allows for extra consideration to be made during the process that is completely necessary. As I've seen my neighborhood develop, many beautiful older homes have been demolished to make way for big luxury condos and apartment buildings. This absolutely destroys the character and history of Portland that is so important to people wanting to live and stay in the city. It's already astonishing the amount of new development that has happened in the last 8 years I've lived here and somehow NONE of these places allow for middle housing opportunities. It's disgusting that people who have power in the city departments are constantly handing over land to outside developers for extra cash without consideration of the quality, longevity or responsibility that these developers need to have when creating new buildings. It's destroying the character, quality of life, and environment in Portland.