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House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Lively, Vice Chair Cate, Vice Chair Kropf, and Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in regarding HB 2282, and the -2 amendment which was adopted in the House Committee on Economic Recovery and Prosperity. On behalf of the Bend Chamber's 1,500 business members, the organization whole heartily supports efforts to increase affordable and workforce housing in our community. As illustrated by testimony, the City of Bend is in a housing crisis, which is pushing those who work in Bend to seek housing elsewhere.

The -2 amendment is an artfully crafted solution to utilize the unique situation surrounding the Stevens Road parcel of land and its ultimate sale and development. The Chamber is engaged on many levels to support additional affordable and attainable housing units and increase the overall stock in the quickest manner possible. This bill is a welcome complement to other work being done within the City's UGB to address the housing crisis.

We appreciate the inclusion of dedicated acreage for AMI limited housing and the diversity of housing mix which will create a unique, new livable community on the Southeast section of Bend. The Chamber looks forward to continuing our partnerships with the City and the development community to ensure the land is developed in a ecologically and economically responsible way.

Thank you for your consideration and I urge a yes vote on HB 2282.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katy Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line that separates it from the typed name below.

Katy Brooks
President + CEO
Bend Chamber of Commerce

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