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State Hosting Community Conversations on Oregon's Housing Initiatives: Hermiston Event, February 10, 2020

HERMISTON - On February 10, 2020, staff from the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development and local leaders will hold a community conversation to discuss new Oregon housing initiatives, including House Bills 2001 and 2003 passed by the 2019 Legislature. House Bills 2001 and 2003 aim to provide additional housing choice and increase housing supply.

The event will involve a short presentation, followed by table-level discussions to hear hopes and concerns from affected communities as the state works to implement this important housing legislation.

Event Details

When: Monday, February 10, noon – 2pm

Where: Eastern Oregon Trade and Event Center – 1705 E Airport Rd, Hermiston, OR, 97838

Special accommodations are available, upon request, for persons with disabilities, those needing sign language interpretation, or languages other than English. Spanish interpretation will be provided. All ages welcome. Please contact housing.dlcd@state.or.us up to 48 hours in advance to request accommodations. Light lunch will be provided.

Information on these laws and how to receive additional information is available on the DLCD Housing web page: <https://www.oregon.gov/lcd/UP/Pages/Housing-Resources.aspx>.

Written comments can be submitted to housing.dlcd@state.or.us.

Additional Background

House Bill 2001 aims to provide Oregonians with more housing choice. The new law lets property owners build traditional housing types, such as duplexes and triplexes, in single family residential zones. These housing types already exist in most cities, but were limited for decades in many neighborhoods.

House Bill 2003 aims to improve local housing supply. The law requires medium and large cities to study the future housing needs of their residents and to adopt measures in a local housing production strategy. The bill also directs the Oregon Housing and Community Services Department to propose how the State should look at what housing needs exist for the next 20 years for all income levels in each region of the state.

Oregon's statewide land use planning program — originated in 1973 under Senate Bill 100 — protects farm and forest lands, conserves natural resources, promotes livable communities, facilitates orderly and efficient development, helps coordination among local governments, and enables citizen involvement.

The program affords all Oregonians predictability and sustainability to the development process by allocating land for industrial, commercial and housing development, as well as transportation and agriculture.

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) administers the program. A seven-member volunteer citizen board known as the [Land Conservation and Development Commission \(LCDC\)](#) guides DLCD.

Under the program, all cities and counties have adopted comprehensive plans that meet mandatory state standards. The standards are 19 Statewide Planning Goals that deal with land use, development, housing, transportation, and conservation of natural resources. Periodic review of plans and technical assistance in the form of grants to local jurisdictions are key elements of the program

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