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Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
900 Court St. NE, S-407
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Yamhill County Support for Rural ADU Amendments to HB 4014-A6

Dear Chair Dembrow,

Yamhill County is supportive of the -A6 amendments to House Bill 4014, which would permit Rural Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) in areas zoned for rural residential use. Yamhill County has a shortage of affordable housing options and we are looking for ways to supplement our housing supply. Our Planning Department reports that they regularly receive requests to allow ADUs in the rural area. Often these requests are from family members who wish to provide housing for relatives, but do not qualify for a medical hardship dwelling.

This legislation would allow us to:

- Provide the option of multigenerational housing in certain zones.
- Legalize some existing, unpermitted secondary dwelling units.
- Provide an additional housing option with minimal additional public resources.

The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners support this measure as it would provide a valuable option to address the local and statewide housing shortage we are experiencing. We encourage the committee to support ADUs in the rural residential zones.

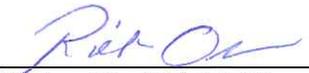
If you have any questions, please contact our Planning Director Ken Friday at 503-434-7516 or by e-mail at fridayk@co.yamhill.or.us or any of the commissioners below.

Sincerely,

Yamhill County Board of Commissioners


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