



**OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Timothy G. Sekerak  
Chief Clerk of the House  
State Capitol Building  
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 3442-A

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

While I sincerely appreciate the work and intention of this policy, and recognize the need for affordable housing, I cannot in good conscience vote to endorse building anywhere within the tsunami inundation zone, and *especially* residential housing. As a first responder who has worked in emergency management, I can't emphasize enough that we **will** at some point, statistically increasing every day, experience a Cascadia subduction zone earthquake that could exceed a magnitude of 9.0. The resulting tsunami that would result from such a catastrophic event (and indeed is possible from other offshore events as well) would be, to be blunt, likely not survivable. Every piece of legislation I both develop and review is through the lens of life safety, and it is with that same lens that I cannot and will not vote for this particular piece of legislation. We owe it to Oregon's residents, visitors, and businesses to develop and build safely and not in the path of certain devastation and absolute destruction. It is equally unfair to then also expect our first responders to risk their own lives and safety to effect rescues in this instance.

There is no amount of careful crafting that can make right a policy that intentionally and deliberately would place people—and in particular people in need of affordable housing—deliberately into harms way. I believe that we can do better.

Sincerely,

State Representative Dacia Grayber, HD 28