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Housing Bill for Redmond moves to Senate Floor

SALEM, Ore. – State Representative Jack Zika today issued the following statement regarding House Bill 2336, relating to the affordable housing pilot program:

"Oregon's restrictive land use system is playing a key role in the rising costs of housing in Central Oregon. House Bill 2336 clearing the Senate Committee on Housing public hearing and work session with strong support were important steps. We are very close to giving Redmond the ability to bring more much-needed affordable housing."

HB 2336 removes the population requirement for affordable housing pilot program if no qualifying nomination is received for a city with population under 25,000. The affordable housing pilot program is intended to expedite development of affordable housing outside urban growth boundaries. For Redmond, the passage of HB 2336 would allow 485 new homes to be developed in Skyline Village.

Having already passed the Oregon House unanimously, HB 2336 will now wait to be heard on the Oregon Senate floor, and will be carried by Senator Tim Knopp.

Zika is a Chief Sponsor of HB 2336 and former member of the Redmond Planning Commission, where he made decisions about local housing policies, and is a real estate broker.

Zika's House District 53 includes the communities of Redmond, Tumalo, Sunriver and portions of Bend and unincorporated Deschutes County.

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