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April 27, 2019 -- For the record of [HB 2916](#): public hearing scheduled for 4/29/2019

Honorable Representatives,

I am writing to express my support for expanding transitional housing accommodations allowed inside the urban growth boundary to include other structures like huts, pods, tepees, yurts, or tents. We have an emergency shelter crisis in Oregon and we need options that can be deployed quickly and within the resources currently available.

People experiencing homelessness need a safe place to sleep and shelter from bad weather, store belongings, access facilities, and wait until permanent housing opens up. I work for White Bird Clinic and we provide medical, dental, counseling, and substance use disorder counseling for this population. We need our clients to be in a stable location in order to receive care and reduce costly and stressful trips to the emergency room for treatment. Allowing alternative structures within the city limits and managed transitional housing campgrounds will allow wrap around care to ensure our community provides the best outcomes to our most vulnerable populations.

Sincerely,
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