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TO: Land Conservation and Development Commission

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SUBJECT: Agenda Item 8, December 3-5, 2008, LCDC Meeting

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING POTENTIAL RULES TO ENCOURAGE AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SUMMARY

The department will report on the progress of the Affordable Housing Work Group appointed by LCDC, including the work group's ongoing discussions about potential rulemaking and legislation. The group is continuing to discuss a "pilot program" to test some ideas to encourage local governments to provide "sites dedicated to affordable housing, including manufactured housing." One of these ideas is to encourage this through special rules regarding urban growth boundary (UGB) amendments, but the group is discussing other ideas as well.

The department is also preparing to introduce legislation on this pilot program in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services. This legislative concept continues to be a 'place holder' in the event the group proposes rules or other ideas that require supporting statute changes. The department will probably have to "file" this concept with the legislature in order to keep it active, because those filing deadlines occur before the work group meets in December.

The work group will not be proposing rule amendments at this (the December 4) LCDC meeting, even though a notice of rulemaking hearing was printed in the November *Oregon Bulletin*.

The work group has scheduled one additional meeting for December 15, 2008.

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