

I am a member of First Unitarian Church Portland and the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty. I am writing in support of HB 4002. We are making headway against the housing crisis at a snails pace. Basically we are treading water as the unsheltered homeless counts hover where they have been for the last 3 years. Rents still rise; wages for unskilled labor still languish; an immoral number of our neighbors struggle with using 50% or more of their incomes on housing.

HB 4002 takes a tiny step into the uncharted territory of long term rent assistance. Clearly Oregonians need AT LEAST a study bill passed soon in order to have results for the 2021 legislative session. Please vote to support HB 4002.

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