

Subject: Strong support of HB 2008

Greetings, Chair Fahey and Committee Members,

My name is David Richards Oshiro and I live in Oak Grove, a part of unincorporated Clackamas County. I am a member of Oak Grove United Methodist Church and we are also participants in the Leaven Community Land and Housing Coalition, a coalition of faith communities in Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington County, leveraging our land and resources so that all Oregonians can come home.

I support HB 2008 because:

- Religious organizations have available land that can be used to build affordable housing
- There is a huge cost savings to building using faith land because we already own the land
- Allowing faith communities to build affordable housing stabilizes our neighborhoods and is an anti-displacement strategy

Your action is crucial. Please approve the HB 2008 so that faith communities across the state of Oregon can build affordable housing on our land with as few barriers as possible.

Our neighbors need your help, creativity and support in leveraging every option and financing stream to begin solving the crisis of housing instability and homelessness in our city and county.

Sincerely,

David Richards Oshiro