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Senator Jama, Chair
Senator Linthicum, Vice-Chair
Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301-4048

Re: Information on the Rent Guarantee Program and the Housing Choice Landlord Guarantee Program

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development:

Thank you for hearing [House Bill 2101](#), which makes programmatic changes to ease barriers for landlords in accessing the Rent Guarantee Program (RGP) and the Housing Choice Landlord Guarantee Program (HCLGP). These programs are vital to removing barriers for high-risk low-income Oregonians in accessing housing, as they provide landlords with the financial assurance to rent to individuals who may have evictions on their record. During the hearing, a few questions were raised about HB 2101:

Senator Anderson asked after the need for more funding for the program:

Both of these programs have sufficient funds to operate under the expansion in this bill. So far, there has not been significant fiscal impact in administering these programs. With the Rent Guarantee Program, only 6 claims have been paid out over the lifetime of the program.

Senator Anderson asked after the reach of the program:

OHCS partners with multiple service providers to serve 23 Oregon counties, below you will find a list of the counties and the organizations that serve them. OHCS recently expanded this program to Baker, Grant, Marion, Polk, Union, and Wallowa Counties through new partnerships with Community Connections of Northeast Oregon and Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency, and hopes to expand to more counties in the future.

Additionally, our partner Transition Projects is working on an online course for the Rent Guarantee Program that will launch this summer in seven languages. This was made possible by legislative investments in Rental Market Resources during the 2019 session. However, many smaller agencies have capacity concerns with operating these programs in person, as classes take resources and staff to administer. Expanding programs to smaller communities may require additional investment.

Please let reach out to [Nicole Stingh](#) with any questions.

Thank you,

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Agency	Counties Served	Contact	Phone	Email
ACCESS https://www.accesshelps.org/	Jackson	(See email)	541-779-6691	rental@accesshelps.org
CAO (Community Action Organization) https://caowash.org/	Washington	Pat Rogers	503-726-0814	progers@caowash.org
CAPECO (Community Action Program of East Central Oregon) http://www.capeco-works.org/	Umatilla, Morrow, Wheeler, Gilliam	Denise Jerome	541-278-5675	djerome@capeco-works.org
CCNO (Community Connections of Northeast Oregon) https://ccno.org/	Baker, Grant, Union, Wallowa	Rochelle Hamilton	541-963-3186	rochelle@ccno.org
CCSSD (Clackamas County Social Services Division) http://www.clackamas.us/socialservices/	Clackamas	Kayla Wilson	503-650-5618	kwilson@clackamas.us
CinA (Community In Action) http://www.communityinaction.info/	Harney, Malheur	Troy Baker	541-889-9555	troy@cina.team
CSC (Community Services Consortium) http://csc.gen.or.us/	Linn, Benton, Lincoln	(See website)	541-928-6335	www.communityservices.us
Laurel Hill Center http://www.laurel.org/	Lane	Devin Jenkins	541-485-6340	devinj@laurel.org
MWVCAA or Arches (Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency)	Marion, Polk	Amy Hatfield	503-399-9080	amy.hatfield@mwvcaa.org
Transition Projects, Inc. http://rentwell.org/	Multnomah	Caitlyn Kennedy Young	503-515-1328	rentwell@tprojects.org
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YCAP (Yamhill County Action Partnerships) https://yamhillcap.org	Yamhill	(See website)	503-472-0457	http://yamhillcap.org

