



House Housing and Homelessness Committee

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Testimony in Support of HB 2001

Chair Dexter, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Helfrich, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Tyler Mac Innis, Policy Analyst for the Oregon Center for Public Policy, and I respectfully submit this testimony in support of HB 2001 on behalf of the Center.

The Oregon Center for Public Policy is a nonpartisan think tank dedicated to improving the economic outcomes for all Oregonians, particularly low-income families and Oregonians of color, through research and analysis.

HB 2001 would ensure a focus on youth homelessness prevention, advance innovative approaches to address our state's housing supply challenges, and make critical improvements to current law that would help prevent eviction-caused homelessness.

The bill's provisions aimed at reducing unsheltered homelessness and increasing housing supply are critical parts of addressing our state's housing crisis. We are also writing to urge support of Sections 14-26 of HB 2001, which contain essential and reasonable negotiated improvements to Oregon's eviction statutes to promote stability and payment rather than displacement and eviction.

Evictions are a driving cause of homelessness and poverty. Enacting reasonable protections to promote stability for families facing eviction has positive downstream impacts on social safety net programs. More importantly, they can help ensure all Oregonians have a stable place to call home.

We urge you to support HB 2001.

Our mission is to achieve economic justice for all Oregonians through research, analysis, and advocacy.

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