

Submitter: Dean Winter

On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On
Transportation and Economic Development

Measure: SB5511

We are writing to strongly support the Oregon Housing and Community Services budget request of over \$1.46 billion to address housing stability and community prosperity. St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Portland has been active for a number of years in supporting and providing affordable housing for the residents of Portland. In 2022, in partnership with Do Good Multnomah and Home First Development, we completed Findley Commons, 35 units of supported, affordable housing for veterans, on property provided by St. Mark's. This project was supported by grants from the city of Portland and Multnomah county, as well as OHCS. We are currently exploring additional ways that our church can provide affordable housing for our Portland neighborhood. In this effort we see support from OCHS as critical to our efforts. We urge the Oregon legislature to approve this badly needed program.

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