



March 7, 2023

Subcommittee on Transportation & Economic Development  
Joint Committee on Ways & Means  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE, Room H-178  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: City of Beaverton Supports HB 5019 and -3 Amendment**

Dear Co-Chair Wood, Co-Chair Gomberg, and Members of the Subcommittee:

The City of Beaverton appreciates the opportunity to share its strong support of HB 5019 and the -3 amendment, which provides critical funding to implement the Governor's executive orders on housing and homelessness.

Homelessness is at a crisis level in the City of Beaverton. A record 219 "unique" individuals accessed the Beaverton Winter Shelter between November 2021 – May 2022. Additionally, 808 people were found in the 2022 point-in-time count to be unsheltered, in emergency shelter, or in transitional housing in Washington County – an increase from 716 people in 2021 and 618 people in 2020.

The City of Beaverton has invested significant local resources to address the impacts of homelessness. Beaverton is on track to spend over \$6 million on unhoused services in the current fiscal year (FY 2022-23) and has partnered with numerous regional and local organizations to increase housing production and stability. Despite these one-time investments, significant humanitarian needs remain unaddressed.

The Governor's executive order 23-02 establishes Multi-Agency Coordinating Groups (MACs) in the designated emergency areas to ensure targeted goals are met in jurisdictions, including Beaverton and Washington County. HB 5019, with the -3 amendment, provides funding to assist MACs and their local partners achieve the Governor's ambitious goals to rehouse 1,200 Oregonians experiencing unsheltered homelessness; expand shelter capacity by 600 beds; and prevent more than 8,000 vulnerable households from falling into homelessness, and more for the 2023-25 biennium. This work and the funding for it are essential.

The Governor's executive order requires governments at all levels to work together to address this growing humanitarian crisis. The City of Beaverton stands ready to partner in this important work and urges the Legislature to appropriate the funding needed to make this effort a success.

Thank you again for the opportunity to share our support of HB 5019 with the -3 amendment. I invite you to reach out to me for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lacey Beaty". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lacey Beaty, Mayor