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Senate Committee on Housing and Development
900 Court Street NE
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RE: HB 3462 Follow Up

Chair Jama, Vice Chair Anderson, Members of the Committee,

Oregon Housing and Community Services (OHCS) was asked to put a statement on the record regarding HB 3462, although the agency does not have a position on the bill. OHCS' work in disaster recovery is in the long-term recovery and rebuilding of our communities, helping to rebuild permanent housing and providing intermediate resources as that housing is rebuilt. OHCS is not involved in direct emergency response and sheltering. Thus, OHCS does not administer FEMA disaster recovery resources, which require documentation of citizenship status. In support of recovery of the 2020 Labor Day wildfires, OHCS has state resources, from the 2021 Legislative Session, and federal resources in the form of the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR). OHCS has worked to ensure that both funding sources serve Oregonians regardless of citizenship status. HB 3462 codifies the approach OHCS strives to take in supporting survivors.

As questions arise from the committee, don't hesitate to reach out to me at Alexandra.Ring@hcs.oregon.gov.

In partnership,
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