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Housing Authority of Yamhill County

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Development Council

Klamath County Housing Authority

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Northwest Oregon Housing Authority

Salem Housing Authority

Vancouver Housing Authority

West Valley Housing Authority

29 February, 2024

Housing Authorities of Oregon oppose SB 1575

To: Chair Fahey, Vice-Chair Helfrich and Members of the House
Committee on Rules:

The Housing Authorities of Oregon are, collectively, the largest providers of affordable housing in the state of Oregon. There are 22 Housing Authorities that serve all 36 counties. Our goal is to provide a safe, affordable place for Oregonians with low incomes to call home.

Our leaders have identified a few concerns about SB 1575 that we would like to share with you. **In short, we're concerned that this bill would make the development of affordable housing less affordable and more fraught with risk.**

Housing Authorities are public contractors when they build affordable housing, meaning they would be directly impacted by SB 1575. The way we understand the bill, it would double the amount of litigation that would follow incidents stemming from a flaw in design, engineering, landscaping or with the other services included in the legislation

For small, rural housing authorities – often the only mission driven organizations in the community that develop affordable housing – the impact would be especially great. They don't have the resources or capacity to take on twice as many lawsuits.

We also worry about the ripple effect on our own insurance costs, which are already a significant driver of cost in affordable housing.

More consideration of the impacts of this measure is needed before action should be taken by the legislature.

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