



Senate Committee on Rules  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem, OR 97301

June 11, 2025

RE: Support of SB 690-5

Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Multifamily NW, we write in support of SB 690-5. We appreciate the opportunity to update our position from opposition to support, and we're grateful to the bill's sponsors and legislative staff for their collaboration in improving this policy.

The -5 amendment makes an important and necessary shift: it places the responsibility of verifying rental assistance eligibility on the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs), rather than the housing provider. This clarification eliminates the ambiguity and burden that originally concerned us and replaces it with a more balanced and administratively feasible approach.

Multifamily NW represents nearly 300,000 rental units across the state, and our members see firsthand the need for clear, workable policy that both supports vulnerable families and ensures fair process. By tying the trial delay provision to verifiable OHA/CCO approval for housing support, and requiring documentation before the trial date, this amendment offers a targeted solution that benefits families with infants without creating new administrative challenges and costs for housing providers.

We are especially grateful to Senator Reynolds and her staff for their partnership and responsiveness throughout this process. Their willingness to engage deeply with stakeholders and shape a more effective bill is a model for collaborative policymaking.

We urge the Committee to advance SB 690 with the -5 amendment and thank you for your continued leadership on housing issues.

Sincerely,

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