

January 30, 2025

To: Chair and Members of the House Committee on Revenue

From: Joint Letter from HereTogether, Welcome Home, Home Forward, Housing Oregon, Path Home, Hygiene4All, Bienestar, Outside the Frame, Hacienda CDC, Proud Ground, Rafael House of Portland, Housing Development Center

Re: Testimony in opposition to HB 2110

Chair Nathanson and Members of the Committee,

We write in opposition to HB 2110 which will impact Metro's current Supportive Housing Services (SHS) tax.

Funds from the SHS measure can be used for supportive services such as outreach and emergency shelter, placement into housing and help paying rent, advocacy and case management and services in the areas of mental health, physical health, language and culture needs, education, employment, addiction and recovery, tenant rights and others.

According to data collected from counties through September of 2024, the SHS funds have accomplished the following in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington County:

- 6,680 Households placed into housing
- 15,850 Evictions prevented
- 1,810 Shelter units created

The investments from SHS are making a difference in the lives of thousands of people currently living on our streets. These funds are critical to placing thousands more into housing and providing the rent assistance and support services to help them stay housed long term. The SHS tax is an important tool to address the homelessness crisis facing our region.

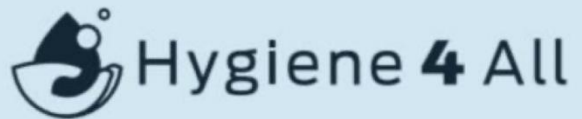
We urge you to oppose HB 2110.





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