

## **TODAY'S MANUFACTURED HOME**

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February 6, 2025

House Committee on Housing and Homelessness 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 3035

Dear Chair Marsh, Vice-Chair Andersen, Vice-Chair Breese-Iverson, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jody Lyon, and I am submitting testimony on behalf of the Oregon Manufactured Housing Association (OMHA) to express support for HB 3035. OMHA represents factories, dealers, lenders, contractors, truckers, communities, and suppliers dedicated to expanding affordable, sustainable housing options across Oregon.

HB 3035 expands the authority of the Housing and Community Services Department regarding homeownership housing projects and lending, including the ability to refinance loans. This enhancement is crucial for increasing access to affordable homeownership opportunities for Oregonians. By broadening the department's capabilities, the bill supports the development and sustainability of diverse housing options, including manufactured housing, which plays a vital role in providing affordable solutions.

The bill's provisions align with OMHA's mission to promote manufactured housing as a key component of Oregon's housing strategy. By empowering the department to engage more comprehensively in housing projects and lending, HB 3035 facilitates the growth and improvement of manufactured housing communities. This support is essential for maintaining and expanding affordable housing options, particularly for low- and moderate-income families.

OMHA believes that HB 3035 represents a significant step forward in addressing Oregon's housing challenges. By enhancing the authority of OHCS, the bill promotes the development and sustainability of affordable housing, including manufactured homes. We urge your support on HB 3035.

Sincerely,

Jody Lyon

**Executive Director**