

February 18, 2025

Representative Ken Helm Representative Mark Owens Co-Chairs, House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources and Water 900 Court St NE Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for House Bill 3525

Dear Co-Chairs Helm and Owens and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Housing Alliance urges you to support HB 3525. This legislation provides essential transparency for Oregon renters about the safety of the water in their current and prospective homes.

The testing and information sharing that this bill requires provides both landlords and tenants with information that all Oregonians deserve to know about the properties they own, the properties they rent, and the water they consume every day.

The Oregon Housing Alliance is a statewide coalition of over 100 member organizations, including tenant organizations; affordable housing developers and operators; social service providers and shelter operators; Community Action Agencies; Public Housing Authorities; housing industry businesses and professionals; city and county governments; and community-based nonprofits and advocacy groups.

Our diverse membership is united by the belief that every Oregonian deserves a home that is affordable, stable, accessible and safe. To this end, we urge you to ensure that Oregon tenants have safe drinking water by supporting House Bill 3525.

Sincerely,

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