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**Clackamas County Board of Commissioners
Policy Position
Related to a statewide shelter program.**

Clackamas County supports House Bill 3644: Creating a statewide shelter response, coordination, and plan takes the pressure off localities like those in the Metro region that offer shelter and those with few or no shelter options.

Clackamas County achieved a 65% reduction in homelessness from 2019 to 2023, exceeding the county's annual goal. The county aims to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring by utilizing the Continuum of Care model and meeting people where they are, supporting their journey toward permanent housing.

Having regional coordination and a plan for shelter operations throughout the state means that people can shelter in their local community, stabilize, and retain their connections in the community as they work to return to a home.

We urge a "yes" vote on HB 3644.

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