



TO: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

FROM: League of Oregon Cities

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RE: Support for Creating a Workable Housing Infrastructure Program in HB 3031-1

Chair Marsh, Vice-Chairs Anderson and Breese-Iverson, and Committee Members:

The League of Oregon Cities is a member organization representing all 241 cities in Oregon, and we are writing in support of House Bill 3031-1 which would create a housing infrastructure financing program – **a top priority for our members**. We appreciate both the Governor’s leadership and the legislature’s willingness to address this important issue.

Developing a workable program is critical to meet the state’s housing goals and the League of Oregon Cities shares a strong commitment to supporting the development of housing and ensuring that adequate infrastructure is in place to facilitate this growth.

Consistent and sustainable infrastructure funding from the state is essential to ensure cities can continue to meet the state’s housing goals.

We do have issues with specific eligibility requirements, including the density levels and affordability covenants that could reduce the effectiveness of this program for cities, especially small cities, to access. The details of which we are working directly with the Governor’s staff.

Our suggestion is to really lean into what works and create an enduring infrastructure program accessible to our members. We look forward to continued dialogue with the Governor’s staff and the legislature to work through details of how this can be a workable program.

Thank you,
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