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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Housing and Homelessness

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3031

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

I am asking on behalf of Portland Housing Center to support HB 3031-1 which will implement a housing infrastructure financing program. One of the biggest barriers to developing more housing is the high cost of infrastructure, and this bill will help us reduce these barriers so we can achieve our ambitious housing development goals. Portland Housing Center works closely with first time homebuyers to help them achieve the goal of homeownership. The lack of housing supply in Oregon greatly impacts our clients in both home availability and in the extreme increase in home prices statewide.

There are many ready-to-build projects in development pipelines all across Oregon that would benefit significantly from access to the program HB 3031-1 would create. And it's because of this, Portland Housing Center urges your support for HB 3031-1.

Thank you,

Laura Bower

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