



February 28, 2025

Representative Pam Marsh
Chair, House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for House Bill 3031

Dear Chair Marsh and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Housing Alliance strongly supports HB 3031, which establishes a housing infrastructure financing program to support the production of new housing across the state – including regulated affordable homes. 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, urgent housing development goals.

By using a programmatic approach – rather than direct legislative allocations to specific projects – HB 3031 ensures that infrastructure investments are intentional, equitable, accountable and right-sized. The program's use of grants to support affordable housing and loans to support market-rate housing strikes the right balance between facilitating production at all income levels, while prioritizing public resources to meet the housing needs of lower-income Oregonians.

Several of our coalition members are working closely with the Governor's office to address concerns with some technical elements of the bill. The Housing Alliance looks forward to supporting the amendments that result from that collaboration.

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 that end, we urge you to support House Bill 3031.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cameron Herrington".

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