

Re: Support for HB 3031

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

I am asking on behalf of Farmworker Housing Development Corporation 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.

Our next housing project will take place in Albany. Currently, we are facing a challenge with the construction of a necessary road due to the location of the site. This road is projected to cost \$2.5 million, which is a significant expense. We hope to secure support to move forward with our project without any delays. We will eagerly await the outcome of HB 3031-1 to see if it could be our solution.

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, Farmworker Housing Development Corporation urges your support for HB 3031-1.

Thank you,
Ramon Martinez
Farmworker Housing Development Corporation