



*Rachael Duke, Chair -
Community Partners
for Affordable Housing*

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*Kymerly Horner, Vice
Chair - Portland
Community
Reinvestment
Initiatives*

Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Breese-Iverson, Vice Chair Andersen, and members of the committee,

*Kristy Willard,
Treasurer - Housing
Authority of Malheur &
Harney Counties*

My name is Kevin Cronin, and I serve as the Director of Policy and Advocacy at Housing Oregon. Housing Oregon represents over 120 nonprofit affordable housing providers across the state, including organizations developing and preserving affordable rental housing, expanding affordable homeownership, and providing homeless services.

*Shannon Vilhauer,
Secretary - Habitat for
Humanity Oregon*

I write today in strong support of House Bill 3589, which takes a thoughtful approach to expanding housing options for older adults and people with disabilities—two groups that are increasingly vulnerable to homelessness.

*Trell Anderson -
Northwest Housing
Alternatives*

HB 3589 directs Oregon Housing and Community Services to develop and implement a program that incentivizes the creation of senior and disability-accessible housing using excess funds from existing programs, including LIFT, GHAP, LIHTC, and other available resources. This bill maximizes the tools we already have to address a growing crisis, rather than waiting for new funding sources.

*Jessica Blakely -
Salem Housing
Authority*

We are seeing a sharp rise in senior homelessness, and that increase has corresponded with more unhoused individuals dying while living outside. The need for targeted, deeply affordable housing for seniors and people with disabilities has never been greater. HB 3589 ensures that our state's affordable housing programs are working to meet that need, using funding streams that are already in place.

*Julie Delgado, The
Urban League of
Portland*

I want to thank Chair Marsh for her leadership on this issue and urge the committee to support this bill.

*Aubre Dickson -
Community Housing
Fund*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Rita Grady - Polk CDC

Sincerely,

*Maria Elena Guerra -
Farmworker Housing
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