



March 10, 2025

To: House Committee on Housing and Homelessness

From: Peter Hainley, CASA of Oregon

Re: Support for HB 3144

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

My name is Peter Hainley. I am the executive director of CASA of Oregon. CASA has been working with local communities to create housing, facilities and asset building opportunities for 37 years. We were originally founded to address the lack of housing for farmworkers.

We also serve the housing needs of people through our Manufactured Housing Cooperative Development Center (MHCDC). The MHCDC works with residents to help them buy their community and operate them as resident-owned cooperative (ROC). To date, we have completed 28 conversions of 2000 units housing more than 3200 people.

HB 3144 prohibits manufactured dwellings and pre-fabricated structures from being banned in planned communities by any covenants or other recorded documents. Our experience working placing these housing units shows them to be an attractive alternative to stick-built housing. We believe that regardless of the type of community where housing is located, these structures should be allowed outright. They are an affordable alternative that should be available to those unable to afford more expensive types of structures.

I urge you to support HB 3144. Thank you for your attention to this important matter and thank you for your service to the people of Oregon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Hainley".

Peter Hainley  
Executive Director