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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support For HB 3145

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

I am writing on behalf of Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity to urge your support for HB 3145 which will provide essential funding and support for factory-built housing as a critical strategy to expand affordable housing opportunities in Oregon.

At Bend-Redmond Habitat for Humanity, we are designing our Bear Creek Village development, a first-of-its-kind affordable homeownership community in Northeast Bend. For the first time, we are integrating factory-built construction methods into our building process, making this project a direct example of the type of innovative housing solutions that HB 3145 is designed to support.

Bear Creek Village is an upcoming community featuring eight energy-efficient homes designed with factory-built Structural Insulated Panels (SIPs) and Passive House (Phius) certification. This project was created in response to the urgent need for more affordable, climate-resilient homeownership opportunities in Central Oregon.

HB 3145 establishes a new set-aside of funding specifically for factory-built housing, recognizing that off-site construction is a key tool in addressing affordability and construction challenges statewide.

1. Speeding Up Construction & Increasing Efficiency
 - Factory-built homes reduce on-site build time, minimize weather delays, and improve overall efficiency, helping us deliver homes to families faster.
 - HB 3145 funding could allow us to scale up our efforts, demonstrating that factory-built homes can be a mainstream solution for affordable housing.
2. Making Homebuilding More Accessible for Volunteers
 - Habitat for Humanity relies on volunteer labor, but traditional construction can be physically demanding and require specialized skills.
 - Factory-built homes arrive on-site pre-cut and ready to assemble, making it easier for volunteers to contribute to the construction process and ensuring that more community members can engage in building homes for their neighbors.
3. Creating Energy-Efficient, Climate-Resilient Homes
 - Bear Creek Village will feature airtight homes with advanced insulation and air filtration, protecting homeowners from wildfire smoke and extreme weather conditions.

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- HB 3145 prioritizes sustainable, Oregon-based materials, which aligns with our commitment to building homes that are durable, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible.

By passing HB 3145, the Legislature will enable more nonprofit and community-based developers to explore factory-built housing as a scalable, efficient, and cost-effective solution. This bill will not only help fund homes but will help prove a model that could be replicated across the state. Bend-Redmond Habitat is ready to demonstrate that factory-built homes can make construction faster, more efficient, and more accessible to volunteers, all while delivering high-quality, energy-efficient homes that families can afford.

We urge you to support HB 3145 so that more innovative housing projects like Bear Creek Village can move forward, creating a pathway to housing stability for Oregon families.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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