

March 10, 2025

Representative Pam Marsh, Chair
Representative Tom Andersen, Vice Chair
Representative Vikki Breese-Iverson, Vice Chair
House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Port of Portland Testimony in Support of House Bill 3145

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

The Port of Portland enthusiastically supports House Bill 3145.

As one of the region's anchor economic development institutions, our mission is to build shared prosperity for the region through travel, trade, and economic development. We carry out our mission in pursuit of our vision of a prosperous region, where quality jobs, multi-generational wealth, and access to markets are equitable and shared.

In practice, this means that we're using the Port of Portland's resources in new and creative ways to share and drive regional prosperity. And that means we can't ignore Oregon's severe housing crisis.

While we have no intention of becoming home builders, we have committed to redeveloping our former marine terminal on the Willamette River (Terminal 2) into the Mass Timber and Housing Innovation Campus. This campus will be anchored by a mass timber housing manufacturing facility and will include other complementary spaces and uses designed to support housing manufacturers – whether they use mass timber or other sustainable materials. Terminal 2's location in the heart of Portland's industrial district means modular housing units and components can be transported via rail, freeways, or shipping to communities across the state.

In the process of planning for and implementing our vision for Terminal 2, we've come to understand that advancing the use of modular housing requires changes in business practices for firms across the supply chain. We're doing what we can to mitigate risks for our housing innovators locating at Terminal 2. The state's promotion of and funding for pilot projects is critical for helping the industry achieve scale.

As members of the House Committee on Housing and Homelessness, you are well aware of the many ways in which the lack of housing harms seniors, working families, and others. The Port of Portland is grateful to be your partner in advancing innovative solutions. We urge your support of House Bill 3145.

Sincerely,



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