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Mixed-income public housing development is a good idea for Oregon. We have an acute housing crisis that market forces are neither able nor inclined to solve. Housing is a human right, and I urge the committee to take action to ensure the state is ensuring that all Oregonians have housing. While many lament the homelessness they see or hear about, policies that criminalize the poor are both ineffective and immoral. Elected leaders must step up to address this problem at the root by investing in affordable housing. Oregonians cannot wait for a solution that will never come from those who see housing as a path to personal riches at the expense of the community. As elected leaders, you must act.