



TODAY'S MANUFACTURED HOME

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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 3144

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

On behalf of the Oregon Manufactured Housing Association (OMHA), I am submitting testimony in support of HB 3144, which takes important steps to remove outdated barriers to manufactured housing and to expand affordable housing options across Oregon.

HB 3144 ensures that manufactured homes are treated equitably in housing developments by prohibiting new restrictive covenants and community association rules that unreasonably restrict this home type. This is a critical step toward increasing affordable homeownership opportunities for Oregonians who may otherwise struggle to access stable housing. Manufactured homes provide safe, high-quality, and cost-effective housing solutions that allow families, retirees, and working individuals to achieve the security of homeownership.

While some opponents argue that this bill could disrupt planned communities, it is essential to recognize that many community association restrictions have historically excluded manufactured homes, even when they meet or exceed the standards of site-built housing. By ensuring fair access for factory-built housing, HB 3144 promotes housing diversity and affordability while still allowing reasonable architectural and safety regulations to remain in place.

Manufactured housing plays a vital role in solving Oregon's housing crisis, particularly as home prices continue to rise. HB 3144 allows for greater flexibility in housing development while maintaining protections for neighborhoods. We urge the Legislature to pass this bill and ensure that Oregonians have access to a full range of high-quality, affordable housing options.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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