

Oregon Senate Committee on Housing and Development 900 Court St. NE Salem Oregon 97301

RE: Support for SB 1155

March 27, 2025

Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of SB 1155 on behalf of Multifamily NW. This bill takes an important step toward addressing housing instability by establishing a pilot program to assist pregnant individuals and their immediate family members in securing stable housing.

Multifamily NW is the largest association of housing providers in the state, representing nearly 300,000 units and every profession related to the industry from property managers and owners to landscapers, maintenance professionals and screening companies. Our top priority is to collaborate with public sector leaders to identify and implement proven solutions to Oregon's ongoing housing crisis.

Safe and reliable housing is foundational to both public health and economic security. When expecting parents face housing insecurity, they also experience greater health risks, financial hardship, and increased barriers to long-term stability.

The challenges facing Oregon's rental housing market are complex, but one thing is clear: we need proactive solutions that prevent homelessness before it begins. By providing targeted housing support at a critical moment, SB 1155 can help ensure that families remain housed, healthy, and better positioned for long-term success. This pilot program will also provide valuable data to guide future housing policies, allowing the state to invest in strategies that work.

Multifamily NW believes that public-private collaboration is essential in addressing Oregon's housing crisis. Housing providers are ready to be part of the solution, and we support policies that increase access to stable housing while ensuring a healthy and sustainable rental market. SB 1155 offers a pragmatic, results-driven approach, and we urge the committee's support.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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