



March 27, 2025

Senator Aaron Woods
Representative David Gomberg
Co-Chairs, Joint Subcommittee On Transportation and Economic Development
900 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301

RE: House Bill 5011 (OHCS budget)

Dear Senator Woods, Representative Gomberg, and members of the committee,

Every Oregonian deserves a home that is affordable, stable, accessible and safe. To that end, the Oregon Housing Alliance urges you to support critical programs and investments in the Housing and Community Services budget, in order to prevent homelessness and advance a right to housing for all Oregonians.

The Housing Alliance calls for the Legislature to make the following investments for 2025-2027:

Build, preserve, and stabilize affordable housing

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Build new affordable rental homes through the LIFT and permanent supportive housing programs	At least \$680M bond funding
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preserve existing affordable rental housing	\$260M bond funding
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preserve manufactured housing parks	\$25M bond funding
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stabilize operations of existing affordable housing through property management and asset management capacity (SB 51) and insurance cost relief (SB 829)	\$12.3M general funds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permanent supportive housing operations and resident services	\$8.6M general funds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing infrastructure program (HB 3031)	\$100M bond funding

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Homelessness prevention and response

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emergency rental assistance	\$109.7M general funds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homelessness prevention services	\$63.5M general funds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelter operations and housing navigation	\$217.9M general funds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support for tenants who face rent spikes when affordable housing restrictions expire (SB 31)	\$6M general funds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Long-term rental assistance	\$105.2M general funds

Expand access to affordable homeownership

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Build new homes for homeownership (LIFT program)	\$100.9M bond funding
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homeownership Development Incubator Program	\$16.9M general funds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Down payment assistance administered by culturally responsive organizations	\$30M general funds
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual Development Accounts (IDAs) <i>Stabilize funding through HB 2735 <u>or</u> HB 3809</i>	Raise the IDA tax credit cap to \$16.5M (HB 2735) <u>or</u> allocate \$10M/year lottery funds (HB 3809)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accelerated-equity mortgages for first-time homebuyers (HB 3235)	\$10M
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional homeownership centers and foreclosure prevention services	\$3.5M

The Oregon Housing Alliance is a statewide coalition of over 100 member organizations, including tenant organizing groups; affordable housing developers and operators; social service providers and shelter operators; Community Action Agencies; Public Housing Authorities; housing industry businesses and professionals; city and county governments; and community-based nonprofits and advocacy groups.

Our diverse membership is united by the belief that every Oregonian deserves a home that is affordable, stable, accessible and safe. To make this vision a reality, we urge you to support the investments outlined above as part of the 2025-2027 biennial budget.

Sincerely,



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