



April 1, 2025

Senate Committee on Housing & Development
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Chair Pham, Vice Chair Anderson, and Committee Members:

On behalf of the League of Oregon Cities, which represents all 241 of Oregon's incorporated cities, thank you for the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 1103.

We appreciate Senator Broadman's leadership in bringing forward SB 1103 and Legislature's ongoing commitment to addressing the infrastructure needs that underpin housing development across Oregon. We recognize that this proposal complements a suite of infrastructure-related measures before the Legislature this session, including the Governor's proposed \$100 million program focused on housing-related infrastructure.

SB 1103 offers a thoughtful approach by creating a revolving loan fund to assist cities and federally recognized tribal governments with financing essential infrastructure in areas designated for climate-friendly development. **While we support the goals of climate-friendly areas and the state's climate and housing policy alignment, we note that not all of Oregon's cities currently fall within these designated areas.** As such, we encourage an implementation framework that is inclusive and considers the diverse infrastructure needs of all cities across the state, ensuring equitable access to funding opportunities regardless of designation.

The League strongly supports efforts that increase access to funding and financing tools to help local governments meet urgent water, sewer, transportation, and site development needs — particularly those tied to housing development.

Access to flexible and scalable infrastructure funding is essential to Oregon's ability to meet housing production targets. We are especially appreciative of the bill's recognition of the infrastructure challenges faced by cities of all sizes and geographies, and we encourage the implementation of any new program to be accessible to all cities across the state.

While we are continuing to evaluate the specific provisions of SB 1103, we support the bill's goals and welcome its contribution to the broader infrastructure and housing conversation in this legislative session. We look forward to working with Senator Broadman and the committee on this proposal and other efforts aimed at expanding infrastructure capacity statewide.

Thank you for your work and continued partnership in supporting Oregon's communities.

Respectfully,

Jim McCauley, Legislative Director

League of Oregon Cities