

Oregon Senate Committee on Energy and Environment 900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

## RE: Support for HB 2567 A

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Chair Sollman, Vice Chair Brock Smith, Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Multifamily NW, thank you for the opportunity to provide support for HB 2567.

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.

We believe HB 2567 A is a smart, targeted investment in both housing stability and energy efficiency — two priorities our members care deeply about. By extending the Rental Home Heat Pump Program and offering additional incentives for installations in rural and frontier communities, this bill ensures that more Oregonians — regardless of where they live — can benefit from clean, efficient, and cost-saving home heating and cooling.

Heat pumps reduce energy bills for tenants, increase housing resiliency during extreme weather, and provide property owners with an efficient, long-lasting solution for upgrading aging systems. However, as our members in rural parts of the state can attest, installation costs and contractor availability can be real barriers. The additional incentives proposed in HB 2567 A would help overcome these barriers and make it more feasible for housing providers in underserved communities to participate in the program.

Extending the program's sunset to 2032 will also provide much-needed certainty for property owners and contractors alike, allowing for better planning and wider adoption.

Multifamily NW appreciates the Legislature's continued commitment to supporting rental housing and tenant well-being, and we urge your support for HB 2567 A. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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