

Submitter: Rebecca Davies
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez, and members of the committee,

My name is Rebecca Davies and I live in Portland. I urge you to fund bills that help address Oregon's critical housing shortage. The housing shortage affects everyone, from people without housing to people stuck in their current homes because it's too costly to leave. Oregonians are losing out because the housing shortage prevents them from taking advantage of opportunities--opportunities like moving for a job, leaving a bad situation, or living near friends and family. You can help us by funding these five bills:

- The Middle Housing program (HB2138) expands housing choices across Oregon and encourages affordable and accessible home ownership by legalizing more housing across the state, cutting red tape, and building incentives for affordable and accessible housing statewide.
- The Mixed Income Housing program (SB684) catalyzes mixed-income public development and revitalizes stalled affordable housing projects that have been unable to secure sufficient public funding through low-cost loans while still leveraging private investment.
- The Public Finance Task Force program (HB2966) studies innovative ways to fund essential infrastructure, stimulate economic activity, and promote homeownership.
- The Deferred System-Development Charges program (HB2968) reduces housing construction costs through state-level risk management that reduces financial risk to cities.
- The Innovative Housing Types program (HB3145) accelerates housing production through innovative construction techniques that also lower costs.

Thank you for taking action to create homes that will improve Oregonians' lives.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Davies