



# Portland Housing Bureau

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House Committee on Housing and Homelessness  
900 Court St. NE, S-407  
Salem, OR 97301

## **RE: Support for House Bill 3144**

Chair Pham, Vice Chair Andersen, and Members of the Committee:

The Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) is pleased to express its strong support for House Bill 3144, which represents a critical step toward fostering an inclusive and sustainable housing landscape across Oregon. House Bill 3144 aligns directly with our mission by addressing barriers to affordable housing and promoting equitable access to housing options. Specifically, the bill's prohibition of private bans on manufactured dwellings and prefabricated structures will expand opportunities for affordable housing development, particularly for low- and moderate-income households.

Additionally, the extension of the Housing and Community Services Department grants for tenant dispute resolution services and the Manufactured and Marina Communities Dispute Resolution Advisory Committee is a vital measure to protect vulnerable residents in mobile home parks and marinas. These programs provide essential support to tenants, fostering housing stability and reducing conflicts that can lead to displacement.

As Portland continues to face challenges related to housing affordability and accessibility, House Bill 3144 offers practical solutions that will benefit communities across the state. By removing restrictive barriers and extending critical support programs, this legislation will help ensure that all Oregonians have access to safe, stable, and affordable housing.

The Portland Housing Bureau commends your leadership in introducing this bill and urges the Oregon Legislature to pass it. We stand ready to collaborate and support efforts to implement these important measures. Thank you for your commitment to addressing Oregon's housing needs.

Sincerely,

Helmi Hisserich, Director