



Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
RE: Support SB 5531 and for Path Home's Capital Request

May 9, 2025

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Nosse, and members of the Subcommittee on Capital Construction,

On behalf of Central City Concern (CCC), I am writing to express strong support for SB 5531, **particularly the \$5 million capital request to support the construction of Path Home's wraparound services center** at its Family Village campus in the Lents neighborhood of Portland.

CCC provides a comprehensive continuum of affordable housing, health care, recovery, and employment services to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Portland, Oregon. In 2024, we served 15,991 individuals through integrated services that help people stabilize and rebuild their lives. As a fellow provider, we recognize the immense value of models like Path Home's—grounded in evidence and focused on holistic, trauma-informed care for families.

The proposed services center at Family Village represents a best-practice approach: co-locating critical services under one roof. This approach is particularly vital for families with young children, for whom navigating disconnected systems can be an overwhelming and often insurmountable barrier to stability.

While this integrated model is well supported by research, it is rarely implemented at this scale. Path Home's project is a rare and timely opportunity—and their \$5 million request will leverage nearly \$35 million in other public and private funds. This is a high-impact investment in the long-term wellbeing of Oregon families, particularly as local resources continue to face cuts.

In addition to supporting Path Home's request, CCC is also deeply supportive of SB 5531's broader provisions to preserve and expand affordable housing across Oregon. These include:

- **\$160 million to preserve existing rental housing**
- **\$25 million to preserve manufactured housing parks**
- **\$100 million for essential municipal infrastructure** like water, sewer, and transportation systems needed to support new housing development

These investments are essential to stabilizing Oregon's housing landscape and ensuring that public resources stretch further by maintaining the homes we already have.

We urge your support for SB 5531 and for Path Home's visionary project, which would significantly expand access to equitable, coordinated services for families experiencing homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,



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