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Senate Committee On Commerce and General Government
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Opposition to SB 1514 - No to ending reasonableness standards

Dear Chair Meek, Vice-Chair Drazan, and Members of the Committee,

The Oregon Housing Alliance is in opposition to SB 1514 and its amendments which would end current state law ORS 195.530 which requires local ordinances regulating and enforcing camping to be reasonable.

In 2021, House Bill 3115, which became ORS 195.530, was carefully negotiated with many different stakeholders. The bill provides important sideboards that prevent the punishment and incarceration of people who are experiencing homelessness. It also outlines very strict criteria where someone who was harmed during camping enforcement might bring a lawsuit against that jurisdiction. And it still allows jurisdictions to enforce their own ordinances.

We're committed to solving the housing crisis. It won't be solved with fines and jail time. Instead, legislators should be focused on interventions that work. For example:

1. Prevent homelessness from even occurring with eviction prevention and rent stabilization policies.
2. Increase the supply of housing so it becomes easier for people experiencing homelessness to find a stable home.

Any change to ORS 195.530 would send local governments back to the drawing board on their time/place/manner ordinances and expose localities to unnecessary legal battles. It also threatens Oregon's most vulnerable and makes it harder for people experiencing homelessness to find stable housing in the future, get access to critical health care and ends up costing taxpayers far more in the strain on emergency services.

I urge you to vote No on SB 1514, and instead support Senator Pham's call for \$10M in eviction prevention funding and support Representative Levy's request for \$100M in LIFT funding for the development of affordable homes.

The Oregon Housing Alliance is a statewide coalition of over 100 member organizations, including tenant organizations; affordable housing providers; social service providers and shelter operators; Community Action Agencies; Public Housing Authorities; housing industry businesses and professionals; city and county governments; and community-based nonprofits and advocacy groups.

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Our diverse membership is united by the belief that every Oregonian deserves a home that is affordable, stable, accessible and safe. To this end, we urge you to support House Bill 4128.

Sincerely,



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