



HB 2620: Inventory ODOT owned land to facilitate joint planning between Oregon Housing and Community Services, ODOT, and other state agencies

Safe, decent, affordable homes open new doors to opportunity. Homes located in neighborhoods with employment opportunity, strong schools, and services provide launching pads for Oregonians and are essential to our future.

The Affordability Balance and Choice Workgroup heard compelling evidence of the effectiveness of community driven land banking in achieving the goal of increasing housing opportunity, de-concentrating the location of subsidized homes, and decreasing economic and racial segregation.

Land located in prime residential development areas is often limited, may not be for sale, or may not be affordable. ODOT owned parcels may represent significant opportunity to meet immediate priority housing priority needs or to bank land for future housing use.

ODOT currently makes some surplus property available for sale. The goal of HB 2620 is to encourage conversations to occur at an earlier stage about how ODOT surplus parcels can be used to advance the state's goal to ensure housing opportunities throughout urban areas, in areas of planned residential growth, and in small rural communities. This joint planning can also help ensure that as new transportation investments are made, a concerted and coordinated effort is made to support the development of affordable housing and link state transportation investments to the creation of opportunity for Oregonians with lower incomes.

As ODOT asks us to embark as a state on a significant investment in our transportation systems, it is even more important that we hone in on the linkages between transportation and housing in creating vibrant and inclusive communities. HB 2620 would require ODOT to provide an inventory of real property that will support joint planning.

About the Affordability, Balance and Choice Workgroup

Members of the ABC Workgroup know that successful communities start when everyone has a home to wake up in and return to at night. The workgroup met throughout 2014 in search of actionable, collaborative solutions that would nurture inclusive and affordable Oregon communities. You can learn more at AffordabilityBalanceChoice.org.