



**HB3370 Testimony
House Human Services & Housing Committee
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Chair Keny-Guyer and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today on HB 3370. I am Dan Valliere, CEO of REACH Community Development, a nonprofit developer and manager of affordable housing.

We are a member of the Oregon Opportunity Network and also have collaborated closely with Leading Age Oregon through our involvement with the Housing with Services project that REACH helped establish in downtown Portland. The Housing With Services project was incorporated as an LLC to provide some structure to this unique collaboration of three affordable housing owners, REACH, Cedar Sinai and Home Forward, a group of health networks and social service providers. Established in 2013, our Housing with Services project has been recognized nationally for its impact and is part of an effort to build collaborations that build upon recognition of the “social determinants of health” such as stable housing and access to healthy food choices among many others.

We support the recommendations offered today by Leading Age Oregon. It is important that we don't place a chill on innovative collaborative efforts due to concerns about added regulatory and financial burdens. Subsidized multifamily housing is already extensively regulated, a great deal more so than a standard apartment building. We would be concerned about adding any more complexity to an already complex system, unless the rationale and risk was clear.

Our Housing with Services project has been recognized as a positive development in the world of health and housing. Our project is based upon the principle of resident choice and privacy. Our project does not require participation and residency in our housing is not predicated on participation in any services. We would be excited to participate in further dialogue about this trend in collaboration. However, we caution against creating new regulations based on conceptual risks that are not being experienced in practice.

Thank you for your time on this important issue and for the opportunity to testify.