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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee
Re: HB 5012 Housing and Community Services Department

Senator Monroe: “HB 5012 is the budget bill for the Housing and Community Services Department. The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$1,115,946,590 total funds and 156 positions.

The recommended budget supports agency oversight responsibilities associated with \$40 million in Article XI-Q bonds approved in 2015. One position was approved to support more effective, data-driven investments of scarce housing development resources. The budget transfers administration of the Elderly Rental Assistance Program from the Department of Revenue. Expenditure limitation is provided to accommodate federal grant funds, timely financial transaction processing, and increase volume in the single family home loan program.

The Home Ownership Stabilization Initiative program, funded with federal dollars, is continued with limited duration staffing. Support for the Emergency Housing and State Homeless Assistance Programs is maintained at current service level, and an additional \$8 million for EHA and \$2 million for SHAP is included on a one-time basis.

Other General Fund-supported housing stabilization programs and Court Appointed Special Advocates are reduced by 6% from the current service level. General Fund is not included for the Oregon Foreclosure Avoidance program and Oregon Volunteers. The recommended budget defers decisions regarding approval of lottery bonds and additional Article XI-Q to the Capital Construction Subcommittee.

The Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee recommends HB 5012 be amended by the –2 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”