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Subject: AFSCME supports HB 4007

Chair Keny-Guyer and members of the committee,

Apologies for the late submission.

Oregon AFSCME Council 75 supports HB 4007 to provide funding and resources for housing stability.

Our members in housing agencies know too well that the need far outweighs what is available to meet the needs of the people they serve. The lack of stable housing impacts the individuals and families far beyond housing. It impacts health, mental and physical, it impacts a person's ability to succeed at work or in school.

For the workforce, not just those represented by AFSCME but in all of Oregon, the lack of affordable housing has become such a financial stress that what used to be a livable wage is now spent on housing and one emergency can put their housing in jeopardy too.

Increasing the document fee to \$75 will create a stable funding stream for much needed emergency housing assistance.

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