



Coos-Curry/North Bend City
Housing Authority

Linn Benton Housing Authority

Home Forward (Multnomah County)

Homes for Good (Lane County)

Housing Authority of Clackamas County

Housing Authority of Douglas County

Housing Authority of Jackson County

Housing Authority of Lincoln County

Housing Authority of Malheur County

Housing Authority of the County of Umatilla

Housing Authority of Washington County

Housing Authority of Yamhill County

Housing Works (Central Oregon)

Josephine Housing & Community
Development Council

Klamath County Housing Authority

Linn Benton Housing Authority

Marion County Housing Authority

Mid-Columbia Housing Authority

Northeast Oregon Housing Authority

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority

Salem Housing Authority

Vancouver Housing Authority

West Valley Housing Authority

25 MARCH 2019

Housing Authorities of Oregon

To: Co-Chair Manning, Co-Chair Gomberg, members of the
Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee:

The Housing Authorities of Oregon are the largest providers of affordable housing in the state of Oregon. There are 22 Housing Authorities that serve all 36 counties. Our goal is to provide a safe, affordable place for Oregonians with low incomes to call home. The majority of people who we house are seniors or people experiencing disabilities on a fixed income that is 30% of median income or below.

The Housing Choice Voucher program provides over 30,000 households the ability to live in market rate homes while paying no more than one-third of their income. In many parts of the state the waiting list for one of these vouchers is over a year, and in other parts, it's closed altogether.

When someone who has waited perhaps years for a voucher finally gets one, they have, by federal law 60 days to find a place to live within the rent limits attached to the voucher. In today's tight rental market, that is too often, an impossible task. Far too many have to give back their voucher because they cannot find a place to live within the time limit set by the federal housing agency.

The Governor's budget includes POP 104, which would dedicate \$20 million toward landlord and tenant education to maximize the private market to meet affordability needs. This package provides an opportunity to address this critical need.



HAO advocates for policies and resources that create safe,
stable housing options for all Oregonians haoregon.org

Following the success of a pilot program delivered by Home Forward, the public housing authority serving Multnomah County, housing authorities would apply for funds from POP 104 to scale this pilot statewide.

The program links families and individuals that have just received a voucher with a housing navigator that can help them find a home that is the right fit within the timeframe they are given.

We encourage your support for the investments in the Governor's budget. We are happy to be a resource as you seek to understand how new investments can have a tangible impact in local communities throughout the state.

For further information, please contact:

Ryan Fisher - ryan@nwpublicaffairs.com