

SUPPORT HB 2285

Improve the Receivership Program, making it possible for abandoned homes to become affordable housing stock.

Background

Abandoned homes in disrepair bring down neighborhood property values and frequently result in a health and safety nuisance. Significant police and emergency services go into responding to issues in and around these homes. This problem persists in communities all around the state. Unfortunately, Oregon's Receivership Program has not proved workable for cities or counties.

Technical Fix

HB 2285 gives cities and counties a workable tool to address the most egregious abandoned homes, by placing a lien on the home for the estimated cost of bringing it up to a livable standard. Any interested party has 60 days prior to this lien being placed to begin addressing the needed repairs or repay the lien. If no interested party takes action, the municipality can foreclose on the lien and then, if they choose to do so, donate it to a nonprofit or Housing Authority to add a much-needed livable home to the market—improving neighborhood property values and contributing to a healthy and attractive community.

**Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of HB 2285
and for the important work that you do every day.**

