



*Housing Oregon
Board members:*

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*Sheila Stiley,
Board chair – NW
Coastal Housing*

Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

*Diane Linn,
Vice-chair - Proud
Ground*

*Travis Phillips,
Secretary –
Catholic Charities
of Oregon*

Attention: Co-Chair Girod, Co-Chair Holvey, and Members of the Committee.

*Trell Anderson,
Treasurer –NW
Housing
Alternatives*

Housing Oregon is writing in support of HB 5201, and the Speaker's request for \$50 million in General Obligation, Article XI-Q bonds to build affordable homes across Oregon, and \$20 million for Lottery Bonds to maintain existing affordable homes.

*Rachael Duke -
Community
Partners for
Affordable Housing*

Housing Oregon is a membership-based statewide association of fifty affordable housing community development corporations (CDCs) committed to serving and supporting low-income Oregonians across the housing needs spectrum – from homeless to homeowner.

*Ernesto Fonseca -
Hacienda CDC*

We are working towards a day when every Oregonian has a safe and healthy place to call home. We need to remove the barriers that Oregonians with low incomes face in finding housing they can afford, close to work and schools. By investing in housing opportunities, we can create an Oregon with a better future for all of us.

*Nkenge Harmon
Johnson – Urban
League of Portland*

*Sean Hubert-
Central City
Concern*

As you know, Oregon has a serious shortage of affordable housing. For every 100 families with extremely low incomes, there are only 29 affordable units available. 105,478 units are needed to meet the need.

*Richard Morrow –
Columbia Cascade
Housing Corp.*

*Arielle Reid –
NeighborWorks
Umpqua*

Housing Oregon's member organizations are on the front lines building new and preserving existing affordable homes for rent and for sale across Oregon. With additional resources, we are ready to work with Oregon Housing and Community Services to expand safe, stable and affordable housing opportunities for many more individuals, families, and communities.

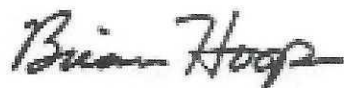
*Lisa Rogers –
CASA of Oregon*

Housing Oregon thank the Oregon Legislature, which since 2015, has committed \$120 million in general obligation bonds to the LIFT program. With these funds 2,000 affordable homes are being built across Oregon from Newport to Ontario, Klamath Falls to Astoria, Roseburg, Hermiston, Eugene, Bend, Redmond, and Sisters, and everywhere in between.

Housing Oregon urges you to support an additional \$50 million to develop new affordable homes across Oregon - 80% to affordable rental homes and 20% to affordable homes for sale.

Housing Oregon thanks the Committee for your attention to this critical statewide issue and for your public service.

Sincerely,



Brian Hoop
Director, Housing Oregon



Sheila Stiley
Chair, Housing Oregon
Executive Director
NW Coastal Housing