



DEVELOPING THRIVING COMMUNITIES

February 21, 2020

House Rules Committee
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter in support of the -10 amendments to HB4015, funding a pilot program to create affordable housing through the building of ADUs. DevNW is a result of the merger between NEDCO and Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services and collectively we have over 60 years of experience serving Lane, Linn, Benton, Lincoln, Marion and Clackamas counties. As an affordable housing developer, homeownership counseling center, and community development agency, this pilot is a perfect fit for several of our core mission areas:

- It creates affordable housing units for families below 60% AMI, and it creates a type of unit (cottages in single family neighborhoods) that are not readily available to low income people.
- It creates an asset building strategy for the low- to moderate-income homeowners who agree to have an ADU built on their property that will be rented to low income people.
- In an era of NIMBY (Not in My Back Yard) attitudes toward affordable housing, it creates grassroots, community ownership of an affordable housing solution.

DevNW is pleased to be part of the proposed pilot, in order to test the model outside the Portland metro area. If this is to be a scalable affordable housing strategy, it should be applicable around the state, and we are committed to helping identify the adaptations necessary in suburban and/or rural communities.

We urge your support of the -10 amendments and passage of 4015.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Emily Reiman".

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