



February 21, 2020

Representative Paul Holvey, Chair  
House Committee on Rules  
900 Court Street, NE, HR D  
Salem, OR 9730

RE: HB 4001-A7

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee:

The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) represents all 241 incorporated cities in the state of Oregon. LOC is supportive and appreciative of the shelter funding in this bill. These resources are critical to supporting our communities' ability to respond to the housing crisis taking place across the state, in cities large and small. However, LOC has taken a neutral position on the shelter siting requirement, as we have member cities supporting the bill and cities in opposition to the preemption on local control.

LOC thanks Speaker Kotek and her staff for working with local government to refine HB 4001. The -A7 amendments address many of the questions and concerns we raised since the concept was introduced the first week of session. Cities greatly appreciate the opportunity to partner with the state to craft solutions that work at the local level. LOC looks forward to continuing that partnership in the interim, to include more local participation, and to bring forward local options for providing additional shelter and a range of housing solutions for consideration in the 2021 session.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue and your support for much needed shelter resources.

Sincerely,

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