



**House Committee on Housing
House Bill 3155 Letter of Support**

February 25, 2021

Chair Fahey and Committee Members:

We write in support of House Bill 3155, and thank you for introducing the bill and holding a hearing on it.

We had thought that cities within Metro were already required to conduct a Housing Needs Analysis as a result of the passage of House Bill 2003 in the 2019 session. To the extent that an uncertainty exists over those obligations, this bill clears up any ambiguity, making it clear that the larger cities within Metro's jurisdiction must prepare a HNA at regular intervals, and follow that up with a Housing Production Strategy if a need is shown. This is important work which we support.

To make the bill more effective, however, we ask that the Committee adopt the dash-4 amendment. As part of the HNA, the current bill (Section 2(1)(b)) requires the city to identify needed housing by "type, mix and density range". While we support an analysis by all three classifications, we suggest the committee add "affordability" to the list of items a city must analyze as part of their HNA.

It is vital that all cities within Metro have an adequate supply of housing by price range. The dash-4 amendment ensures that every Metro city undertakes its obligation to provide housing for all residents, regardless of income level. This is fair and equitable.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and we hope that you will improve the bill by adding the dash-4 amendment.