



Sightline Institute is an independent think tank working to advance sustainability in the Pacific Northwest. We believe it exists at the intersection of environmental health and social justice.

We're writing in **support of HB 3335**, funding ADU community pilot programs.

Accessory dwelling units and other scattered-site homes are excellent options for some Oregonians in need of regulated-affordable housing. Their potentially low public cost per home---due, essentially, to the fact that creating homes in empty yard space saves precious money on land---has promise.

Making Oregon's precious affordable-housing dollars go further will be possible only through innovation, and innovation will be possible only through experimentation and dissemination. **HB 3335 would dedicate a small amount of money to funding this necessary experimentation and dissemination.**

Oregon's housing policy, though better than that of some states, is not achieving its goals. An appropriate response should include a **three-part strategy**:

1. Finding more money to help the Oregonians in most need.
2. Lowering our many regulatory barriers to lower-cost market-rate housing.
3. Finding ways to make our existing expenditures go further and house more people.

HB 3335 is a promising example of the third aspect of that strategy. We urge its passage.

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