

3/25/2021 - 8:00 AM House Bill 3368House Committee on Housing

I strongly oppose House Bill 3368 as written; Oregon Constitution does not allow the Legislative Assembly to enact laws in which benefit or appropriate money to religious organizations incorporated as non-profit (501)(c)(3) corporations or not.

CONSTITUTION OF OREGON

ARTICLE I

BILL OF RIGHTS

Section 5. No money to be appropriated for religion. No money shall be drawn from the Treasury for the benefit of any religious [sic], or theological institution, nor shall any money be appropriated for the payment of any religious [sic] services in either house of the Legislative Assembly.

Text HB 3368: (2) The department shall make the grant available to a religious or public-benefit nonprofit corporation to develop affordable housing for two pilot projects, one in an urban area and one in a rural area in an adjacent county. The grant may be used to purchase and develop land, purchase or develop housing or provide support services to residents of the housing.