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To: Joint Subcommittee on Transportation and Economic Development; others

**Re:** I OPPOSE [HB 5011]...HCSD's budget must be systematically reduced and debt retired.

The Housing and Community Services Department (Herein HCSD) is a gross illustration of a governmental agency which has morphed into an "Housing Industrial Complex."

The growing budgetary outlays to support an "implied entitlement" of housing for a specific sector of the population has definitive "Systemic Racism" philosophies and practices. "Equity and Racial Justice," as practiced by the HCSD is discriminatory per se.

May I remind all of you, HCSD is to treat everyone on an equal basis with reference to the 14th Amendment of our sacred Constitution of the United States of America. The mere pontification of "Equity and Racial Justice" is repugnant and speaks loudly of preferential treatment of one group in lieu of "equal treatment under the law" for everyone.

The budgetary outlays to support HCSD are unsustainable and have dire consequences for specific HCSD projects reliance on uninterrupted appropriations and more egregiously, statute modifications as defined in **[HB 2102]**.

The continued "Bonding" financial practices with accompanying debt structure is an abhorrent governmental practice that all but ensures constant increases in budgetary appropriations to sustain HCSD's activities.

HCSD budget should be systematically reduced.

Recipients of "free housing" should be "weaned-off" of this program for it is not sustainable.

One has only to look at the number of proposed legislation to support HCSD to realize the "Industrial Complex" HCSD has become in the "Oregon Housing and Community Services Agency Budget Presentation" report below:

## https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2021R1/Downloads/CommitteeMeetingDocument/236290 [Pages 72-75]

I do not support continued financial support for HCSD.

I do not support the reoccurring debt to finance "free and or subsidized" housing projects.

What is going to happen when the Federal money runs out?

What are the ramifications requiring [HB 2102]'s interventions?

Personally, I wish "free housing for everyone" but, I do not write the rules of life and or govern the lifestyle choices of others which may have bearing and or causation as to their state of housing or the lack thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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