

Coos-Curry/North Bend City Housing Authority

Linn Benton Housing Authority Home Forward (Multnomah County) Homes for Good (Lane County) Housing Authority of Clackamas County Housing Authority of Douglas County Housing Authority of Jackson County Housing Authority of Lincoln County Housing Authority of Malheur County Housing Authority of the County of Umatilla Housing Authority of Washington County Housing Authority of Yamhill County Housing Works (Central Oregon) Josephine Housing & Community **Development Council** Klamath County Housing Authority Linn Benton Housing Authority Marion County Housing Authority Mid-Columbia Housing Authority Northeast Oregon Housing Authority Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Salem Housing Authority Vancouver Housing Authority West Valley Housing Authority

20 FEBRUARY 2023

Housing Authorities of Oregon

To: Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Anderson and members of the Senate Committee on Housing and Development:

The Housing Authorities of Oregon are, collectively, the largest providers of affordable housing in the state of Oregon. There are 22 Housing Authorities that serve all 36 counties. Our goal is to provide a safe, affordable place for Oregonians with low incomes to call home.

We write to express our support for SB 46, which will make the development of senior housing more attainable for smaller communities in Oregon.

We know through our work that seniors on fixed incomes often face difficult choices between paying rent or buying food or medicine. We also know that many communities that would like to develop affordable housing for seniors may hit barriers when faced with the task of designing affordable developments. SB 46 can be a part of the solution to both problems by calling on the state to design replicable plans for senior cottages that can be used across Oregon.

We thank Sen. Findley and Rep. Mannix for bringing this legislation forward, highlighting the housing needs of seniors and the infrastructure needs of rural communities.

For further information, please contact: **Ryan Fisher** - <u>ryan@nwpublicaffairs.com</u>



HAO advocates for policies and resources that create safe, stable housing options for all Oregonians haoregon.org