



February 25, 2023

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS
Oregon State Capitol 900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: House Bill 3151 – Testimony in Support

Chair Dexter and Committee Members:

Thank you this opportunity to comment on HB 3151. Since 2004, Housing Land Advocates (HLA) has worked to ensure that Oregonians of all income levels can obtain adequate and affordable housing. We are proponents of land use policies and planning choices that advance affordable, fair, and equitable housing outcomes.

Oregon is experiencing a housing emergency, and low-cost housing is in short supply. Manufactured housing is a cost-effective housing type, with square foot costs running approximately half that of site-built housing¹. We support HB 3151 because it facilitates the development of new manufactured housing communities with affordable rents. It also ensures that manufactured homeowners do not have to pay for improvements to a park that are permanent improvements that the park owner retains should homeowners need to move their homes.

Thank you, Chair Dexter and Representative Marsh, for your leadership and for considering this testimony.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kathy Wilde

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¹ Source: Manufactured Housing Institute. (August 2022). *2022 Manufactured Housing Facts Industry Overview*. [Microsoft Word - 2016 Quick Facts \(manufacturedhousing.org\)](https://www.manufacturedhousing.org/)