

Safe, Secure, Affordable housing for all



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Senate Human Services Committee
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Dear Committee Members::
RE: SB 606 - Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act

Housing Matters Union County asks you to pass SB 606, the Oregon Nonprofit Modernization Act. Your support is critical to the health of the nonprofit sector and the communities they serve.

Housing Matters promotes safe, secure, affordable housing and tailored services for residents of Union County. Creative strategies that we use include overcoming barriers for tenants and landlords and encouraging local housing development. We primarily serve our community members who are going through housing insecurities. We strive to improve public perception of housing issues and those who need housing assistance.

Like many nonprofits, finances can be difficult when you have to rely on grants to fund your program and employees. Those who are in the nonprofit workforce understand that their roles aren't guaranteed, so we all work very hard to ensure that we can keep employees and programs going for as long as we can. Again, that all relies on receiving grant funding.

This act would aid in creating the Nonprofit Workforce Retention Fund to provide grants to nonprofits to help maintain and prevent employee turnover. This would make hundreds of nonprofit employees and employers feel more secure in their work. With Housing Matters specifically, we work directly with those experiencing housing insecurities. We work extremely hard to build long-lasting relationships with those community members. We might be the only constant thing in a person's life, which is extremely important to us.

Housing Matters Union County appreciates your consideration of SB 606. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Madelaine Koller", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Madelaine Koller
Housing Matters Coordinator