



Joint Subcommittee on Transportation & Economic Development
900 Court Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Support for HB 5019-3

Dear Co-Chair Woods and Co-Chair Gomberg,

The League of Oregon Cities (LOC) writes in support for HB 5019 and the -3 amendments, which include critical investments to implement the Governor's executive orders on homelessness and extend resources for homelessness prevention, rehousing, and shelter expansion to address needs across the entire state.

The LOC represents Oregon's 241 incorporated cities, which all have residents experiencing housing instability or homelessness. Cities are frontline workers in our state's housing and homelessness crisis. As frontline workers, cities know where resources are lacking and where and how programs can be launched and expanded to provide the most efficient and direct impact for their residents.

The early investments in HB 5019-3 make an important head start on the full scale of investment needed for next the biennium and in years to come. For these and future funds, the LOC encourages the Legislature to recognize, support and expand the on-the-ground work of cities and counties to prevent and respond to homelessness, including the HB 4123 coordinated homeless response pilots that are making rapid progress on expanding shelter capacity and related homeless response efforts.

The Governor's executive orders require governments at all levels to work together to address Oregon's growing humanitarian crisis. Cities remain your committed partners to ensure critical state resources can reach Oregonians experiencing housing instability and homelessness in every corner of the state.

The LOC urges your support for HB 5019-3.

Sincerely,

Ariel Nelson, on behalf of the League of Oregon Cities